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Thatcher calls halt to 'tit-for-tat' row with Moscow

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher called a halt yesterday to the escalating espionage row between London and Moscow, claiming that Britain's expulsion of 31 Soviet officials – all of them described as KGB agents – had "broken the heart" of a massive Soviet spy ring in Britain.

Although the Soviet Union has ordered an equal number of Britons to leave Moscow – six more were expelled yesterday – British officials strenously denied that this acrimonious dispute had ended "in a draw" or that Britain had shown signs of weakness in deciding not to expel even more Russians.

There was absolutely no comparison between the action taken by the British Government and the Soviet authorities, a Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday.

Britain had acted to "defend itself from actions designed to undermine the security of the UK. For the Soviet Government it was a matter of vindictive retaliation completely without justification."

Yesterday's expulsions meant that 15 British diplomats, eight members of the embassy staff in Moscow, two businessmen and six British journalists have been ordered to leave the Soviet Union within three weeks.

Eight Soviet diplomats, five members of the Embassy staff, seven members of the Soviet trade delegation in Highgate, three businessmen, six journalists and two Soviet translators attached to international organizations are being expelled from Britain.

The decision to call a halt to the expulsions was taken by Mrs Thatcher as she was flying from Cairo to Luxor after she was telephoned by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, with the news that Moscow had ordered another six Britons to leave.

On arrival at Luxor, which she was visiting as part of her tour of Egypt and Jordan, she said that as Britain had eliminated the core of the KGB's subversive and intelligence operation in Britain she had decided not to respond further to Moscow's "wholly unjustified expulsions".

She added: "I hope this is the end of the matter and that we can get on with a constructive relationship. I shall try to draw the line under it."

The Kremlin's latest retaliation showed the Soviet Union "in a pretty poor light," she told journalists. "They were caught red-handed and are now red-faced."

Despite British claims of victory in this dispute, which was set off by the defection of Mr Oleg Gordievsky, the former KGB chief in London, there is little doubt that Whitehall has been stunned by the toughness of the Soviet response. Britain had expected only token reprisals to its original decision to expel 25 alleged Soviet spies last Thursday.

British officials pointed to the fact that a Scottish trade delegation had been given a warm welcome in Moscow while the present row was going on as a sign that the Soviet Union at least wanted to keep commercial relations intact.

Several other trade visits are scheduled later this year.

The whole question of Anglo-Soviet relations will be discussed between Sir Geoffrey and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, in New York on Monday. This meeting, which will take place at the Soviet mission to the United Nations, promises to be a frosty one.



President Alfonsin replies to press questions in Bonn yesterday before continuing to Paris on his European tour

Relief in the British community

Outcome satisfies the Kremlin

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The end of Britain's tit-for-tat expulsions battle with the Soviet Union was greeted yesterday with satisfaction by Kremlin officials, and with relief by members of the dwindling British community in Moscow.

Diplomats were divided over whether the crisis, which ended with the expulsion of six more Britons from Moscow, had seriously damaged Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's affable and reasonable Western image or has simply proved that the Soviet leader was determined to be tough under pressure in the run-up to his meeting with President Reagan.

Sir Bryan Cartledge, the British Ambasador, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry yesterday morning and told that five British diplomats and a journalist were being expelled and had three weeks to leave.

This spiteful act, Sir Bryan said, was a "one-for-one" Soviet response to Britain's expulsion of a second list of six Soviet spies on Monday.

The crisis began on Thursday, when 25 Russians named as spies by Mr Oleg Gordievsky, the KGB defector, were told to leave London.

On Saturday the Kremlin retaliated by expelling the same number of Britons, including five journalists and two businessmen as well as diplomats until Mr Gorbachov came to power Moscow had always responded proportionately in tit-for-tat exchanges, since there are three times as many Russians in London as there are Britons in Moscow.

Sir Bryan said that the expelled Russians had all been incontrovertibly identified as intelligence agents, whereas the Britons were innocent victims.

He said that yesterday's Soviet retaliation was a "vengeful and spiteful act". It was



Martin Nesirky: second Reuter reporter expelled

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Britain urges early Middle East talks

From Ian Murray, Amman

The opportunity for peace in the Middle East must be grasped before the end of this year, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said here last night.

Speaking at a banquet given in her honour by King Husain she said: "We in Britain are ready – and I hope others will be ready – to use that very short period to create the right circumstances for peaceful negotiations.

"We need a climate of greater confidence so that all parties will be prepared to take some risks for peace. Peace will not come through violence and terrorism.

"Peace cannot come if large numbers of people in the occupied territories are denied the possibility of living under a system and government in whom they can have confidence."

The Prime Minister was told categorically by the king that the Palestinian Liberation Organization would have to be involved in any negotiations.

He said: "Any parties to the dispute ought to be parties to its resolution, thus opening the way for participation in the peace process by the PLO on behalf of the Palestinian people."

The king also wanted an international conference set up to pave the way for peace. This is an idea Mrs Thatcher has rejected and she said during her visit to Cairo that such a conference would be more likely to slow the peace process.

The king devoted a large part of his speach to an attack on Israeli occupation of the West Bank, describing "the inhuman treatment of the Arabs under occupation" and "the terror practised by these (Israeli) settlers and fanatics."

Today Mrs Thatcher is due to have an hour and a half of discussions with the king

BL falls £11m into the red

By Ian Griffiths

BL, the state-owned car group, plunged into red in the first half of the year. Its operating loss of £11.3 million wiped out the profits of £17.9 million it made at the same stage a year ago.

However, the figures are distorted by the absence of profits from Jaguar, which had made an operating profit of nearly £45 million in the first half of 1984 and was sold to the private sector in August last year.

If Jaguar had been excluded from the 1984 figures BL would have made a £26.9 million loss, rather than its £17.9 million profit.

Although BL had the benefit of the use of the £186 million it raised from the sale of Jaguar the company still lost £44.8 million after all deductions, up from £34.9 million in the first six months of this year.

Despite strong sales in July and August, BL remains cautious about the prospects for the rest of the year.

● The 800 workers on the No 1 Metro assembly line at Austin Rover's Longbridge plant were given two hours off yesterday to celebrate the 10 millionth car produced at Herbert Austin's former factory near Birmingham. They watched a factory floor performance by nine Bluebell Girls from the Lido night club in Paris. Imports ruling, page 4
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Parents' Aids panic

The Government was urged yesterday to dispel panic among parents who fear that their children may be at risk from Aids through contact with infected children.

Last night, an Aids specialist tried to reassure parents at a Hampshire school who have kept 50 children at home because one pupil, a haemophiliac, has developed antibodies to the disease.

Dr Anthony Pinching, of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, met parents and teachers at Scantabout Primary School, Chandler's Ford.

However, a parent, Mr Terry Goddard, said: "Servicemen were told there was no danger in our early atom bomb tests.
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NUM breakaway movement falters

By Craig Seton

The moderate Leicestershire area appears almost certain to remain within the National Union of Mineworkers as pit head votes of its 2,000 members reveal that the momentum for a breakaway is rapidly faltering.

Miners at South Leicester have voted almost unanimously in a pithead show of hands to stay within the national union.

With miners at only one of the area's four collieries still to give their judgment, a leading Leicestershire union official yesterday conceded: "It looks very much that the general consensus is that there is not much desire to leave the union. The momentum for a breakaway is at a full stop".

If Leicestershire does remain within the NUM, it will be another blow for the proposed new Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM), a breakaway federation being planned by Nottinghamshire, South Derbyshire and the Durham-based Colliery and Allied Trades Association.

They will hold vital ballots on the same day sometime next month. A simple majority is required to leave the national union.

Cosa, the moderate 15,000-strong white collar section of the NUM, has already decided against joining the breakaway after receiving assurances that it was an autonomous body with its own rules whose members could not be ordered to strike.

The Leicestershire leadership made no recommendation to its men on the breakaway issue, but instead asked miners to demonstrate their feelings at branch levels. However, with the breakaway movement apparently running strongly in neighbouring Nottinghamshire and South Derbyshire, it was thought likely they would take a similar course.

The union official said: "There was a lot of anger in the area during the miners' strike, but now our people have mellowed. Time is a great healer and the breakaway mood is at a standstill here. A lot of the men are saying that it is probably not in their best interests to leave the union."

There have been reports, too, that enthusiasm for the UDM is receding in South Derbyshire, although its four branches are still expected to vote to leave the NUM.

One South Derbyshire branch secretary said yesterday that union loyalists had disrupted pit head meetings and it had been difficult to judge the opinion of miners.

Mr Ken Toon, the South Derbyshire general secretary, has agreed to be interim president of the proposed breakaway union.
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Beirut hostage back in US after release

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

The Reverend Benjamin Weir, the missionary kidnapped in Beirut sixteen months ago, is safely back in the United States and will talk about his captivity at a news conference in Washington today.

He was released on Saturday and turned over to American officials in Beirut. He was flown to Norfolk, Virginia, and reunited with his family.

The Presbyterian Church in New York, which announced his release yesterday, said he was in "good shape".

President Reagan spoke to Mr Weir yesterday from the Presidential jet while on his way from Washington to deliver a tax reform speech in Concord, New Hampshire.

Mr Weir, aged 61, was one of seven Americans abducted in Beirut over the past year and a half.

President Reagan, who announced the release to his audience in Concord said: "I will not be satisfied until all the hostages are released."

The release has raised hope in the United States that the other hostages may also be freed.

Mr Weir was seized on May 8, 1984. The Islamic Jihad group released photographs of him in May this year in which he appeared haggard.

Information about the release came first from Mr Weir's wife, Carol, who worked with her husband in Beirut and, since his kidnapping, has been in the United States.

Kinnock meets Alfonsin in Paris

Paris (AFP) – President Alfonsin of Argentina, who arrived here last night for a four-day official visit, had immediate talks with Mr Neil Kinnock, the British Labour Party leader, on Argentina's sovereignty claim to the Falklands.

The meeting in a Paris hotel has provoked the disapproval of Mrs Thatcher, who has always refused to discuss sovereignty while Britain and Argentina are still technically at war.

Argentinian sources say that Señor Alfonsin and his delegation place "exceptional importance" on the meeting with Mr Kinnock.

The Labour leader, who wants the issue discussed under United Nations auspices, said on Monday that sovereignty negotiations would be hard after the 1982 war, "but better than silence, which serves the interests of nobody".

Mr Alfonsin's visit to France is aimed mainly at winning French economic support for his deeply-indebted country, as well as European help in settling the Falklands controversy.

President Mitterrand of France met Señor Alfonsin, whom he called "the defender of liberty and the rights of man – the man who was able to reconcile Argentina with itself", on his arrival.

After seven years of military dictatorship, Argentina returned to democracy two years ago

The Argentine president, who is accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Señor Dante Caputo, and Economy Minister, Señor Juan Sourouille, as well as by businessmen, hopes to attract French investment

He is expected to stress that Argentina can hope to pay off its $48 billion (£36 billion) debt only if it exports more, and that it can do this only if it is not balked by trade protectionism in western Europe.

● LONDON: A British request led the United States to block a recent Israeli sale of 12 US-supplied Skyhawk jets to Argentine, deplomatic sources in at the last moment of forbid the sale last month and that the ageing jets were still in hangars at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv.
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Alliance push for outright control

By Julian Haviland
Political Editor

The Liberal Assembly in Dundee showed yesterday that it wanted the Alliance leaders to stop talking about holding the balance of power in the next Parliament and to prepare for majority government.

Dr David Owen, the leader of the Social Democratic Party, was loudly applauded when he assured the assembly that he did not aim to hold the balance although he had spoken of that in the past. More and more people had begun to feel the Alliance could form the next government, he said.

Neither Dr Owen nor Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, returned yesterday, except when questioned, to the role of the Queen in a hung Parliament where no party had an overall majority.

Although both men believe they were wise to encourage public discussion of the Queen's powers and of the scope for forming a coalition government, there are those in both parties who think it would be wiser to let the topic rest.

In a BBC interview Dr Owen said he did not think a constitutional crisis would be likely if the next election proved inconclusive, although there was "some doubt about the constitutional steps". In a separate interview, Mr Steel, when asked if he had any reason to believe that the Queen and her advisers were worried, replied: "No. I don't think they are worried at all."

But Mr Steel did not accept that it might be a serious error to stir up public alarm about the constitutional crisis. They were not doing that, he said. They were saying that, since every opinion poll pointed to a three-way division, the party leaders should discuss how to behave in that situation.

If Parliamentary stalemate continued with no party able to govern, the Queen "could call in all the party leaders and deliver a lecture. I think she would be entitled to do that," he said.

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French air strike chaos

Most of France's internal air services were cancelled during the first day of the French air traffic controllers' strike, which is due to end this evening, and most of Air France's medium haul European flights were unable to operate. Air France managed to maintain its intercontinental flights, although with some delays.

Yesterday the normally busy Paris airports of Orly and Roissy were nearly deserted with only five per cent of the Orly flights operating and 69 per cent of those at Roissey.

Planes overflying France also suffered delays and some cancellations due to the controllers enforcing a strict work to rule.

It is estimated that the situation today will be much the same with a large number of cancellations and delays.

Retirement at 60 'is discrimination against women'



By Patricia Clough

The British practice of obliging women to retire earlier than men is in breach of European Community law, the Advocate-General of the European Court of Justice decided yesterday.

Sir Gordon Slynn was ruling in the case of Miss Helen Marshall, a Southampton nurse who had to retire at 60, five years earlier than male colleagues. The final verdict from the European court is due in December and the judges usually follow the advice of the advocates general, of whom there are four.

If they do, the Government would be obliged to change its retirement provisions, either by allowing women to work until 65, making men stop at 60, or fixing another common retirement age.

The ruling was warmly welcomed by the Equal Opportunities Commission, which is backing Miss Marshall's case in the hopes of establishing the principle of sexual equality in pensions and retirement, which are not provided for in the Sexual Discrimination Act.

"We have been trying to get equality in this since we were established in 1975", a commission official said. It was a "deep injustice" that women who felt capable of working till 65 should be prevented from doing so while men were not.

Sir Gordon declared yesterday that in Luxembourg "for an employer to dismiss an employee having passed her sixtieth birthday, on the grounds only that she is a woman, is discrimination".

Miss Marshall, now 67, has estimated that about 300,000 women retire at 60 in Britain and at least a third want to stay at work.

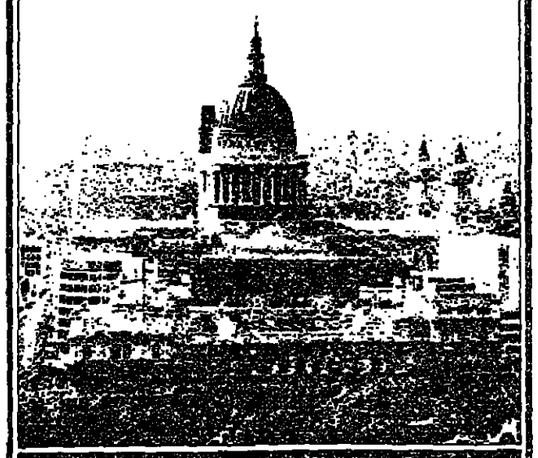
Miss Marshall, who was employed by the Southampton and South-west Hampshire Area Health Authority as a nurse, was given special permission to stay at work for two years beyond the age of 65 as a dietician, but then had to leave despite her desire to carry on.

The area health authority maintained the discrimination was simply linked to the different pensionable ages for men and women. But Sir Gordon emphasized yesterday that women should not be penalized just because they were eligible for a pension earlier tha their male counterparts.

The Advocate-General's task is to scrutinize the arguments of the lawyers on both sides of a case and then report to the nine judges of the European Court. Sir Gordon, aged 55, is a former High Court judge.

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CBI firmly rejects move to drop state pension scheme

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday firmly rejected government proposals to scrap the state earnings related pension scheme (Serps) and replace it with more modest personal pensions.

Sir James Cleminson, CBI president, said the Government's plan should be "thrown on the bonfire" and the whole project rewritten.

The Government's proposals, outlined in a Green Paper from Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, would increase employment costs and lead to inadequate pension provision and instability of the pensions system, Sir James said.

Speaking after the monthly meeting of the CBI ruling council, which expressed "very great and deep concern", Sir James said that when national insurance contributions, minimum pension contributions, administrative costs and industrial relations realities were taken into account, total employment costs would be increased significantly. The cost would be particularly heavy on smaller companies and those with contracted-out pension schemes.

He added: "For those companies which employ the greater part of the nation's work force, employment costs could be increased by more than was gained from the abolition of the National Insurance surcharge, the jobs tax".

The CBI believed the basic structure of the Green Paper proposals was not sustainable, "And in any case major changes would soon be required placing yet further burdens on business".

In addition the financial inducement proposed in the Green Paper, to contract back into the state scheme before 1987, could completely disrupt capital markets. CBI members were also concerned about lack of political consensus on the proposals.

Sir James said the CBI favoured a three-tier solution. The first should be the state's provision of a basic pension; the second should be occupational pensions or by a Serps scheme modified to limit cost increases; and the third should be left to the individual to provide for himself. That could be encouraged by some relaxation of the Inland Revenue rules.

Black union officials remain a rare breed

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

Mr Bill Morris' appointment as deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union could prove the most important breakthrough yet in overcoming the notorious under-representation of black workers in the upper echelons of the labour movement.

Such detailed evidence as there is suggests that black workers, including those of Afro-Caribbean and Asian origin, are more likely to be loyal trade union members than white workers. There is some sketchy evidence to suggest that in areas where workers are concentrated the number of black shop stewards is increasing. But there are few black full-time officials or black representatives on the more important lay committees such as union executives. According to the most recent TUC report on the subject, there are only eight affiliated unions with any black full-time officers.

Labour Party black section activists are threatening to take their campaign for a new system of positive discrimination within the party to rank-and-file unionists after resigning themselves to defeat on the controversial issue at this month's Bournemouth conference. Union block votes will ensure victory for the Labour leadership, who accuse the activists of attempting to create an apartheid system within the party.

Neither the appointment of Jamaican-born Mr Morris, aged 46, nor his steady promotion through a number of exacting full-time jobs in the union, can disguise this unpalatable fact.

There are no black people on the TUC's 51-member general council although this does not make it different from other important British institutions. The difference is that unions, more than most, have firm policies for eradicating racism. A a strongly critical GLC report on the subject put it last November: "The policy statements are impressive; the provisions implemented are far from impressive."

It may be invidious to pick examples as the gap between policy and practice is probably evident in most unions. But it is illustrated by a case in which the Amalgamated Union of Egineering Workers directed by the Commission for Racial Equality to agree specific propasals for equal opportunity course material in its training programmes after a discrimination case at BL. Nearly four years later, the CRE declared in its annual report this year that it was "unable to report any progress."

Not even the efforts of the National Union of Public Employees, which has done more than most to include anti-racism material in its training programmes, could prevent its Westminster No 1 branch from being served in 1983 with a non-discrimination notice for exerting pressure on the council not to employ a black dustman.

The most detailed study to emerge of problems encountered by black workers in trade unions from the Lancashire Association of Trades Councils. In a report published this month in association with the CRE, it made a number of recommendations for increasing the role of black members including systematic monitoring of unions to establish their individual grades, shifts or sections and how far they are involved in trade union activity.

Mr Aaron haynes, director of the CRE's employment division, accepts enthusiastically this recommendation, arguing that unions should intensively monitor their own practices as institutions. He also believes they should accelerate their participation in the monitoring programmes which every black organization now agrees are an essential prerequisite for eradicating discrimination by employers.

Mr Haynes who believes that the argument within the Labour Party about black sections could have been avoided with ease, if party leaders had thought sensitively about the needs of black members and activists 15 years ago, gives a warning that a refusal by trade unions to build on the TGWU executive's decision to appoint Mr Morris would produce the same pressure for black sections within unions.

According to Mr Haynes, the appointmentof Mr Morris to the number two job in the TGWU is a long-awaited signal to black trade unionists "that even in the biggest unions the route to the top is achievable."

But he said yesterday that its effectiveness as a precedent depended on unions acting sensitively in response to the move. If the unions want to they can ride on the crest of this experience. Bill Morris got there without a black section of the TGWU.

There's no way he can be described as a stooge or an Uncle Tom. But the problem will come if, after five years, black trade unionists are saying what happened, was this just one swallow which they are now expecting us to call a summer?"



Mr Ron Todd, (centre), general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, leading an anti-apartheid demonstration outside South Africa House in Trafalgar Square, London yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Open verdict on man with £1m life cover

By Martin Fletcher

An inquest jury at Truro returned an open verdict yesterday on Mr William Russell, the Lloyd's underwriter who plunged to his death from the eleventh floor of a Majorca hotel with debts of £400,000, and having recently increased his personal life insurance to more than £1 million.

That means that Mr Russell's widow, Diane, may now receive £150,000 from the smaller of the two life insurance policies which Mr Russell took out at Gatwick before flying to Majorca. A statement issued on behalf of the Home Insurance Company said the verdict was relevant to the company's "determination of their position".

It does not, however, mean tha she will receive the £900,000 from the larger policy. A statement issued by solicitors for the Gresham Life Insurance Society stood by its view that "no concluded contracts of insurance were ever made with Mr Russell and that in his applications Mr Russell's financial position was materially misrepresented".

The two-day inquest heard conflicting versions of how Mr Russell, aged 43, had died.

Mr Robert Moxon-Browne, counsel for the two insurance companies, contended that Mr Russell killed himself because he could not face up to his heavy debts.

He had "hocked" his wife's house to raise cash to meet his debts and it was alleged that he had forged her signature on the mortgage document, Mr Moxon-Browne said. He was financially ruined, faced a police inquiry, and was being sued in two courts for a six-figure sum.

Mrs Russell denied the suggestion that her husband had killed himself. "He had always been used to dealing with a lot of money and always had a lot of money", she said.

Nalgo take 4.5%

Delegates representing 75,000 white collar health workers in Nalgo, yesterday agreed to accept the Government's 4.5 per cent pay offer, but gave a warning that they would seek a joint pay campaign with other health service unions for next year.

Unionist snub for King

The deputy leader of Ulster's Democratic Unionists has cancelled the first meeting scheduled between his party and Mr Tom King, Northern Ireland Secretary, in protest at Mr King's visit to Dublin on Tuesday for talks with Irish ministers.

Mr Peter Robinson was to have met Mr King on Monday in the absence of the Rev. Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, but said yesterday he would not play second fiddle to Dublin.

"Mr King could not have been unaware that his choice of meeting foreigners before local Unionist leaders would be grossly offensive . . . it was a calculated and measured snub to the unionists of this province", Mr Robinson said.

A Northern Ireland Office spokesman said one of Mr King's first acts on arriving at Stormont on September3 was to write to the various provincial party leaders inviting them to talks.

A meeting date offered to Mr James Molyneaux, the Official Unionist Party leader, was prior to the Dublin visit but Mr Molyneaux was away

An OUP spokesman confirmed this account and said Mr Molyneaux would meet Mr King on Friday.

Mr King's readiness to visit Dublin is being seen as an indication of how important he felt it was to soothe the surprise and anger of Mr Peter Barry, Irish Foreign Minister, over the totally unexpected replacement of Mr Douglas Hurd at Stormont just as the Anglo-Irish negotiations were entering their final stage.

Dounreay inquiry ordered

By Ronald Faux

A public inquiry was ordered yesterday into the plan to build a reprocessing plant for fast reactor fuel at Dounreay in the north of Scotland.

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, called in the planning application made to the Highland Regional Council by the UK Atomic Energy Authority and British Nuclear Fuels. He said the planning and environmental implications of the European demonstration plant exteded beyond the region.

Mr Younger made an order that the proposals should be considered at a public local inquiry, but refused to allow any wider issues on government nuclear policy to be considered. This, he said, had been covered by a statement on British participation in the Europeaen fast reactor collaboration made in May by the Secretary of State for Energy.

More than 500 objections have already been received to the project from conservation groups and individuals who are demanding that the hearing should have a wider remit. The island councils in Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles have strong reservations and the Highland Regional Council has not yet reached a view. It is awaiting reports from consultants on the technical implications of the scheme and a study of the transport options for moving irradiated fuel from the site.

The reprocessing plant will take about eight to 10 years to build and will need a construction force of up to 800.

Sogat ready to go it alone on print deals

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Leaders of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades 1982 (Sogat '82) the biggest print union, have drawn up a strategy for the newspaper industry which could "freeze out" the rival National Graphical Association (NGA).

Senior Sogat officials yesterday made it clear that their union would be prepared to bring out national and local papers where they had an agreement about new technology and where the NGA's attitude was "obstructive".

The first test of such a policy could come at a meeting on September 30 between Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat, and Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Group Newspapers, publishers of *The Sun* and the *News of the World*.

Miss Dean has declared that her union would assure production of the papers at the new plant at Wapping, east London, if the NGA could not reach agreement.

So far, the association has been insisting that skilled jobs in the machine room held by Sogat members should revert to the NGA when printing is transferred from Bouverie Street. The association traditionally represents skilled machine managers in the rest of Fleet Street.

Sogat has invited other unions, including the NGA, to attend the talks with Mr Murdoch, but Miss Dean wants to conclude a deal quickly rather than face the threat of "deunionization".

The leadership of Sogat is convinced that the composing room in newspapers, where "copy" is type-set and placed into pages, is now defunct because of new technology.

Sogat officials are prepared to conclude deals with any national or provincial newspaper management where they claim the NGA is dragging its feet.

Contact between Sogat and the Electrical, Electronic and Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU), which has signed a single-union deal for Mr Eddy Shah's new national newspaper, has increased the potential isolation of the NGA.

Sogat believes there is still scope for its membership in the distribution of the new title and possibly in the new regional printing centres envisaged by Mr Shah, which will be "franchised out" to other companies and therefore not subject to the EETPU deal.

Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the NGA, said last night that he was "absolutely astonished and appalled" by Sogat's attitude.

"It really can only be seen as a blatant attempt to create trouble in the industry. If senior Sogat officials are saying this kind of thing, they ought to have the guts to say it up front."

He added that the meeting with Mr Murdoch was initially the suggestion of the association. But he would now contact Sogat in view of the "provocative" statements made yesterday.

"I will be looking for a substantiation of such a policy or a denial", Mr Dubbins said.

EEC action on infectious disease urged

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Britain and other EEC countries should co-operate to tackle serious health problems, such as drug abuse, smoking and infectious diseases, a House of Lords select committee reports today.

The EEC member countries failed to learn from each others experience, with all too little being learnt in Britain, the report says.

Comparable data from different countries does not exist and was "out of date and incomplete, thus preventing or inhibiting valid comparisons between countries".

The training of doctors specializing in infectious diseases and the need for greatly improved data on health trends are particular areas where co-operation would be beneficial".

The report urges the Government to take the initiative in clarifying what community action would be acceptable, because it would be a step towards community legislation on some health issues. "Pending such clarification, there is a strong case for informal co-operation on health problems."

The committee took evidence from experts in infectious diseases, alcohol, smoking and drug abuse, and organizations such as the British Medical Association, the Medical Research Council and the Royal College of Physicians.

Dr David Tyrrell, a leading authority on infectious diseases, said that more European co-operation was needed to tackle Aids (acquired immune deficiency sydrome).

"Aids has invaded all countries of the community in different ways, but has everywhere caused distress and apprehension.

House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities: 13th Report 1984-85 Co-operation at Community Level on Health-Related Problems (Stationery Office. £9.60).

Liverpool heads for strike chaos

From Colin Hughes, Liverpool

Liverpool looks certain to plunge into chaos on Wednesday, although support for an indefinite strike may come from less than half of the council's 30,000 employees.

Nine meetings during the next five days will decide the support for the strike call, issued by the joint shops stewards committee.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, has rejected a request from the council's Militant leadership for permission to borrow an extra £25 million, saying it would make the city's bad vinancial situation even worse.

It seems likely that the rallies, to be followed by secret strike ballots, will split manual and white collar worker. While office staff are expected to reject a strike, the blue-collar unions appear confident that they can spread disruption into the private sector, which could shut down Liverpool's docks and car factories.

The largest union, the General & Municipal Workers, can bring the city to a halt. Its membership includes bin-men, road sweepers, caretakers and sewage workers.

The union expects to have a full balot result by Monday night.

Members of Nalgo, the second largest union, representing 6,000 office staff, will vote at two separate meetings on Tuesday. Although its leadership has given qualified backing for a strike, they are attempting to find additional funds from within the council's budget.

Pay pressure on councils

By Our Local Government Correspondent

High pay rises could bring "considerable difficulties" to many councils next year, Mr Gareth Gimblett, chairman of the manpower sub-committee of the Association of County Councils, sai yesterday.

He said it was not only this week's 8 per cent award to manual workers which would help the increase in the total pay bill to outstrip the 3 per cent rise expected in public sector spending plans.

"One worrying factor is that there is considerable end-loading," he reported at the first meeting of the association's policy committee to be opened to the Press and public.

Many senior council staff have won a 5 per cent increase from July this year with a further 1 per cent in April

Peace pleas from race leaders

By Craig Seton

Pleas for unity between the Asian and black community in Birmingham in the wake of the Handsworth riot were made yesterday as the city's Community Relations Council sought to heal a serious rift in its ranks.

Asian members of the 65-strong council have said that they are resigning because, they claimed, West Indian leaders had failed to condemn the looting and arson attack on Asian properties in the violent disturbances 11 days ago, when gangs of youths, mainly black, rampaged through the streets.

At a special executive meeting yesterday Mr James Hunte, the black chairman of the council, said he wanted to offer an "olive branch" to the Asian brothers and would be prepared to go down on his knees to restore unity.

Mr Hunte denied that the violence had been created only by black youths. About 40 white youths and 40 Asians had been arrested. The number of West Indians arrested had risen to more than 200.

He claimed that strangers to Handsworth, from Brixton, Liverpool and elsewhere, who had been involved in the disturbances had been reluctant to stop when local black youths walked side by side with the police to try to end the trouble.

Computers to speed up home sales

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Increasing computerization of the work of the Land Registry and the extension of the compulsory registration of land would help to speed up and simplify house conveyancing, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor, said yesterday.

Speaking at the opening of the new Land Registry building in Birkenhead, he reaffirmed the Government's commitment to simplifying the procedure. He added that additional manpower had been made available to the Land Registry so that compulsory registration of land would cover 85 per cent of the population of England and Wales by 1987 compared with 73 per cent in 1984.

Announcing new plans for computerization, Lord Hailsham said that experiments had been taking place for some time. The Land Charges Registry, which records charges against unregistered land, has been fully computerized since 1974, and work is going on to put on computer the register of title.

"Computerization will lead to quicker and more efficient service. It will permit direct access by the conveyancing profession, who will then be able to obtain the answer to a search or inquiry without the need to submit a form. Eventually we hope to achieve a link on computer for all searches and inquires both at Land Registry and local authority level," he said.

Pie plant closure costs 483 jobs

Bowyers, the sausage and pie manufacture, is to close its Amersham plant with the loss of 483 jobs. Another 54 jobs are to go at Bowyers' head office in Trowbrige, Wiltshire.

The company said yesterday that its financial performance in 1985 had been "unacceptable", with losses of £1.5 million, bringing total losses in the past four years to £8.5 million.

Peat shortage

Peat Production in the Irish Republic has dropped by almost 70 per cent this year because of wet weather. The slump could lead to a fuel shortage during the winter

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Rail talks to continue

Negotiations to reach an agreement on the introduction of driver-only trains are to continue today after more than six hours of talks between British Rail and its unions. They ended last night with still no agreement on the reinstatement of 251 dismissed guards.

The talks are concerened with the details of removing guards from passenger and freight trains and it is likely that there will be several further meetings between management and unions before an agreement can be hammered out.

Parent attacked at Bradford protest school

By a Staff Reporter

A bus driver who took two of his children to Drummond Middle School, Bradford, yesterday was attacked by a 40-strong mob. The headmaster, Mr Ray Honeyford, had arrived 30 minutes earlier without incident.

Mr Muhammad Iqbal Amsari, who was kicked, punched and jostled, said: Two of my children told me that someone had tried to stop them going to school and so I came with them today.

"I will not have my children used as political scapegoats. I want nothing to do with these people. I respect Mr Honeyford and my children will continue to go to his school".

"I will not give in. We are a law-loving community."

Mr Amsari, who has five children, was asked as he talked to journalists. The police dragged the mob away and he was taken through a police line.

C5 joy rider charged under pedal cycle law

A joy rider yesterday became the first person in Britain to be convicted of taking and driving away a Sinclair C5. Anthony Thompson, aged 34, a market worker, pleaded guilty at Bristol magistrates' court to taking and driving away a pedal cycle without the consent of the owner. He was fined £74 and ordered to pay costs of £24.

Mr Stephen Carpenter, for the prosecution, said the offence occurred at Bristol docks on June 8. The owner of the C5, Mr Geoff Meeds, who had bought it two days earlier, reported it missing and police caught Thompson near by with the machine.



Mr Anthony Thompson, who was fined for taking C5

Nine miners in Scotland to get jobs back

By Ronald Faux

Nine miners at Scottish pits who were dismissed during the strike are to be given back their jobs, the National Union of Mineworkers in Scotland said yesterday. This follows interviews with colliery managers and approval by Mr John Loudon, Scottish area director.

A spokesman for the National Coal Board refused to confirm the numbers or to say how many more of the 206 men dismissed during the strike for alleged picket line offences will be offered their jobs back.

The NUM welcomed what Mr Eric Clarke, Scottish secretary, called a return to common sense.

It is unlikely the final number of men to be re-employed will satisfy the union. The review was started two months ago and some miners are dismayed that only a handful of the dismissed men have so far been allowed back. The Scottish area work force has fallen from 13,000 before the strike to 9,000 at present.

● Michael Powell aged 20, of Leonard Road, Handsworth, Arnold Salmon, aged 25, of Guild Croft, Newtown Birmingham, and Paul Challenger, aged, 19 of Gibson Road, Handsworth, were all charged yesterday at Birmingham magistrates court causing criminal damage by fire to the Food City Supermarket in Lozells Road, Handsworth, causing an estimated £50,000 damage, during the riot. They were remanded in custody for a week.

Other defendants facing charges connected with the riot included:

Bobby Lindo, aged 32, of Lynwood Road, Handsworth, remanded on conditional bail until October 30, charged with criminal damge to a police van and assault. Trevor Davidson, aged 30, of Westminster Road, Handsworth; charged with taking a car, driving whilst disqualified and without insurance, and released on conditional bail until October 30.

Rita Noturantonio, aged, 33, of Lozells Street, Handsworth, charged with handling 17,000 cigarettes stolen from shops and granted unconditional bail until October 30.

Adrian Clarke, aged 20, of Ashcroft Grove, Perry Barr, Birmingham; charged with a shop burglary and granted conditional bail until October 16.

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Broken marriages and unemployment blamed for increase in child abuse

By Martin Fletcher

One day after the body of Leoni Cornell, aged 3, was found in a Suffolk ditch, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children yesterday released figures showing another distinct increase in the number of physically and sexually abused children in England and Wales.

The National Children's Home also launched a campaign called Children in Danger to counter the effects of "rising poverty, increased drug misuse, deteriorating housing, escalating family break-down, a continuing high level of physical and sexual abuse, and cuts in services for children".

And Mr Geoffrey Dickens, a Conservative MP, promised to reintroduce his Bill during the next session of Parliament to protect children from adults seeking sexual relationships, which failed for lack of parliamentary time last year. He said it had been "a dreadful summer of child abuse and murders".

The NSPCC says that the number of abused children registered with the charity rose to 904 last year from 831 in 1983. It estimates that 7,038 children aged under 15 were physically abused in 1984, and claims that in the six years from 1979 instances of physical abuse increased by 70 per cent from 0.43 to 0.73 per 1,000 children.

The sharpest increase last year was in the number of sexually-abused children: up from 51 registered cases in 1983 to 98. Of the aggregate for the two years, 4 per cent of victims were aged under four, 26 per cent were between five and nine, and 49 per cent were between 10 and 15. Eighty-seven per cent were girls.

The figures indicate that marital discord and unemployment are prime "trigger-factors" for child abuse.

Of the physically-injured children, fewer than half lived with both natural parents while 28 per cent lived with their mother and a father substitute. Of sexually and emotionally abused children, 31 per cent lived with both natural parents and 40 per cent lived with substitute fathers.

Of the parents and rent-substitutes of abused children last year, fewer than 15 per cent of the mothers had jobs compared with a national average of 50 per cent, and 30 per cent of fathers were employed.

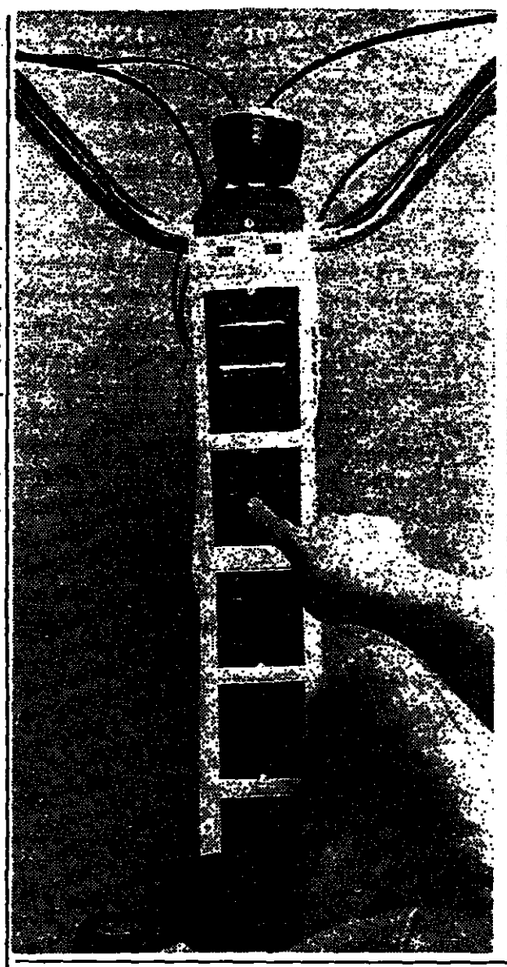
Launching the National Children's Home campaign, Lord Tonypandy, the charity's chairman, said: "Our children are our future and yet they are being assailed by so many problems and pressures. We fear that unless urgent action is taken at every level, more and more children will be exposed to danger".

The NCH says that 2,000 children a week see their parents separate, 1.7 million live in families that are on or below the poverty line, 400-a-week are taken into care because of neglect or ill-treatment, and three times as many are drug addicts compared with three years ago. A total of 83,000 families was homeless last year, of which 73 per cent had children.

The Children in Danger campaign aims to collect one million signatures by December for a petition calling on the Government to provide more resources for social services, health care, youth and education.

It makes specific proposals including education for parenthood in school curricula, government assessment of the impact of all new legislation on children, the exemption from VAT of voluntary organizations working with the young, and more substitutes for youth custody.

The NCH urged parents to keep children out of danger by following a simple six-point code. Parents should be generous in the time they give their children, make them feel valued, explain things happening within the family that affect them provide detailed rather than vague warnings about possible dangers, make them feel secure and make sure they have fun.





Cycle a sound sensation

A bicycle manufacturer yesterday launched what the not-so-young-at-heart are likely to see as the *ultimate space invader: a bicycle for* children with integral radio and *sound synthesizer as optional extras* (Tony Samstag writes).

The Raleigh Vektar Electronic seeks to strike a modern *Night Rider/Street Hawk* image with its blend of BMX-style ruggedness and electronic gadgetry, but its appeal to the average youngster almost certainly lies in an instinct to make as much noise as possible.

As Peter Davies, aged 10, of north London, who test rode the bicycle (above) found out, the sound synthesizer, "with eight touch programmable sounds activated by a handlebar rocker switch" sounds a bit like an amusement arcade on wheels.

For £150-£200, depending on the accessories, the bicycle also sports an "on-board information system" with digital displays of speed, time and distance travelled. The AM radio can be pre-set to three stations

The first 22,000 Vektars are already sold out

(Photographs: John Voos).

Prices cut for next year's tour holidays

Travel companies, expecting more than a million more Britons to book package holidays for next summer, are offering lower prices and guaranteeing no surcharges.

Prices for holidays in Spain, in particular, after the bombings and a disastrous tourist season, are already being offered at below this year's, and price reductions are expected for Italy, too. But holidays to Greece and Yugoslavia are expected to cost more.

Lunn Poly, the second largest package holiday agent after Thomas Cook, yesterday launched a discount scheme for customers booking 1986 summer before Christmas. It will be distributing discount vouchers worth up to £20 a person on holidays booked to one in three households from next Monday.

It is also encouraging early bookings with a scheme making it possible for customers to delay paying the deposit until after Christmas.

Mr John MacNeill, Lunn Poly's managing director, said yesterday that 1985 had been a very disappointing year for the travel industry.

"But prospects for next year are very good. Those who decided to forgo their only dose of Mediterranean sun have now experienced an all too chilly reminder of how miserable a bucket and spade holiday on a wet British beach can be", he said.

"The catalyst of lower hotel rates, a strong pound versus the main tourist currencies and one of the poorest British summers on record this year will combine to make 1986 a boom year of overseas holidays", Mr MacNeill said.

British Airways Holidays has announced that about half of the summer holiday prices offered by its three main tour operating arms, Enterprise, Sovereign and Martin Rooks, will be reduced, while capacity will be increased by 20 per cent.

Dead girl sexually assaulted

Leoni Cornell, aged three, whose bound body was found in a ditch in Suffolk on Tuesday, had been seriously sexually assaulted, but was still alive when dumped in the water, the police said yesterday. Her death was caused by drowning.

The girl's body was found midway between two bridges, in four feet of water in the canal which feeds the river Lark beside the A1065 at Barton Mills, Suffolk, eight miles north-east of Newmarket.

She was dumped in the water on Friday night or in the early hours of Saturday morning, Mr Eric Shields, head of Suffolk CID, said.

The girl was wearing only the top half of her dark blue pyjama suit. The police are looking for the bottom half of the outfit which could give clues to where the assault took place and to her murderer.

The child's father, Mr David Cornell, aged 41, officially identified the body. Her mother, Mrs Gail Keating, aged 31, left The Dunes caravan site, Great Yarmouth, where she had been staying with the child.

BBC programme reopens file on murder case

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Home Office is to consider fresh evidence which suggests the wrong man is in prison for the murder of a woman aged 20. Two witnesses have been found who say that they saw the woman, Carol Wilkinson, alive at the alleged time of the attack.

The Home Office said yesterday that new evidence would be examined to see if there was a possible miscarriage of justice and whether there should be a further police investigation.

The only thing to connect Anthony Steel, now serving a life sentence, with the murder was a key-ring, allegedly belonging to the victim. Steel is "almost certainly an innocent man," the BBC 1 programme *Rough Justice*, scheduled for tonight claims.

Convertible planned for Rover 600 series

By a Staff Reporter

Austin Rover has been working on convertible and hatchback models for its Rover 600 series which is due to be launched early next year.

Car magazine reports in its latest issue that the new Rover is "a surprising mixture of the fashionable and the unfashionable, the advanced and the conservative".

Modern design features include a low, short bonnet, flush-fitting door handles, internal rain gutters and particularly large doors; the high boot adds to aerodynamic efficiency, with the twin exhaust pipes let into the under-casing.

The Rover 600 saloon will come in two engine sizes, two litre and the Honda 2.5 litre, and trim levels will be split into S, SE, and Vanden Plas.

Businessmen lag in world pay league

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Senior business executives in developing nations such as Mexico, Venezuela and Singapore earn more than those in Britain, according to a survey published yesterday.

In spite of criticism of pay awards in industry and of salaries for top executives, Britain's chief industrialists are paid less than almost all their western counterparts, the survey says.

Worldwide Total Remuneration, compiled by the US-based mangement consultants, Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby, shows that in the United Kingdom the cash remuneration, including annual bonus, of a typical chief executive of a £75 million company employing about 1,500 people was £60,000 for the past year.

A manufacturing worker was paid an average of £4.45 an hour, £9,250 a year.

In some developing countries where manual workers are paid a "pittance" and executive talent is scarce, salaries are very high. A Venezuelan chief executive earns about 37 per cent more than a Briton, although hourly wages are 71 per cent lower.

Similarly, in Mexico and Singapore, workers are paid a fraction of British wages, while executives earn about a quarter more. But comparisons with other European countries and the United States show how far behind British executives are.

The US high flyer is paid 160 per cent more and the Swiss 86 per cent more. The West German is paid 40 per cent, the Belgian 37 per cent, the Dutch 23 per cent and the French 20 per cent.

Mr John Carney, head of the survey firms' pay practice in the United Kingdom said yesterday there were clear signs that British pay picture was changing, with the increasing adoption of incentive schemes and higher base pay increases.

"However, the fact remains that although there is now more of a differential between the pay of executives than hourly-paid employees in this country than there was five or six years ago, the relative standing of the UK executive is still very low in the international pay stakes."

The 19-country survey also indicates that most places manufacturing workers in Britain are also paid less than most places in the developed world. Bolstered by the strong dollar, wages in the United States were more than twice as high.

In 1980-84 wages in most countries increased by more than the cost of living. In Britain, wages rose by 11 per cent a year in the period, outpacing the 9.5 per cent average annual cost of living increases.

Earnings as a % of UK figures

Executives		Workers	
Hong Kong	90	Brazil	20
Argentine	94	Hong Kong	25
Sweden	96	Mexico	28
Australia	97	Venezuela	29
Spain	100	Argentine	38
Brazil	108	Singapore	41
Italy	112	Spain	80
France	120	Japan	108
Netherlands	123	France	122
Mexico	125	Italy	125
Singapore	126	Netherlands	145
Japan	129	Belgium	150
Venezuela	137	Australia	155
Belgium	137	Sweden	155
W Germany	140	W Germany	161
Canada	149	Switzerland	162
Switzerland	186	Canada	193
US	261	US	216

Ashley to have village funeral

The funeral of Mrs Laura Ashley will take place tomorrow in the Welsh village of Carno, to which her flair for design brought prosperity.

The funeral service, at the Church of St John the Baptist at Carno, near Newtown, Powys, will be for the family and friends only. But it will be relayed on a public address system to other mourners in the churchyard.

The church is just a few hundred yards from the headquarters of the multi-million pound business which Mrs Ashley and her husband Bernard, developed from humble beginnings in the village's disused railway station more than 20 years ago. Carno was then something of a dying village, suffering high unemployment, but now villagers have relatively high wages.

Tomorrow's service will include a eulogy by Lord Hooson, the Liberal peer, who was a close friend of Mrs Ashley and a non-executive director of the company.

Laura Ashley shops will close for an hour tomorrow for the funeral. Then they will be back to business to aid an ambitious expansion programme costing more than £20 million this year and probably more in 1986. The company is proceeding with plans to raise money from a Stock Exchange flotation. Shares in the company could go on sale to the public before the end of this year.

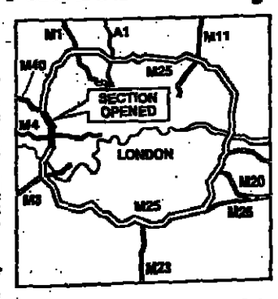
The inquest on Mrs Ashley, who died, aged 60, on Tuesday, after being in a coma for 10 days after a fall at the Cotswolds home of her daughter Jane, was formally opened by the Coventry coroner yesterday and adjourned until October 9.

'Teething troubles' delay M25 section

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, confirmed yesterday that the troubled Reigate to Wisley section of the London M25 orbital route would open on October 7 as planned, and appeared to admit that his department might be partly responsible for delays.

Speaking at the opening of the 6.3-mile section of the motorway between the M40 and M45 near Heathrow Airport, Mr Ridley said the new concrete specification imposed on Birse-Farr, the contractors, last summer had been used successfully on 10 other sections of the motorways.



But he admitted that the specification, designed to extend the life of the Reigate to Wisley section well beyond 20 years, was a technical advance, and that such progress was rarely achieved without "teething problems". That was "the price you pay for progress".

He said that the contractors had completed their work by the new agreed date last week, and declined to say whether a claim would be made against them for delays.

"I have my own ideas as to the reasons for the delay but I am not going to say what they are", he said. He would await the results of an expert inquiry before reaching a decision.

The section opened yesterday, costing £90 million, brings into use a new fast route from the north to the south and west of England.

Parts of Boeing 747 fall on bungalow

Two pieces of an aircraft which fell on a bungalow in Wraysbury, Berkshire, on Tuesday have been identified as belonging to a Trans World Airlines Boeing 747 on a flight to New York.

An airline spokesman said the pieces belonged to the left wheel door and were "aerodynamic rather than structural".

Some Air India victims 'alive when they hit sea'

Some of the victims of the Air India jumbo jet disaster were still alive when they hit the sea, a pathologist said yesterday.

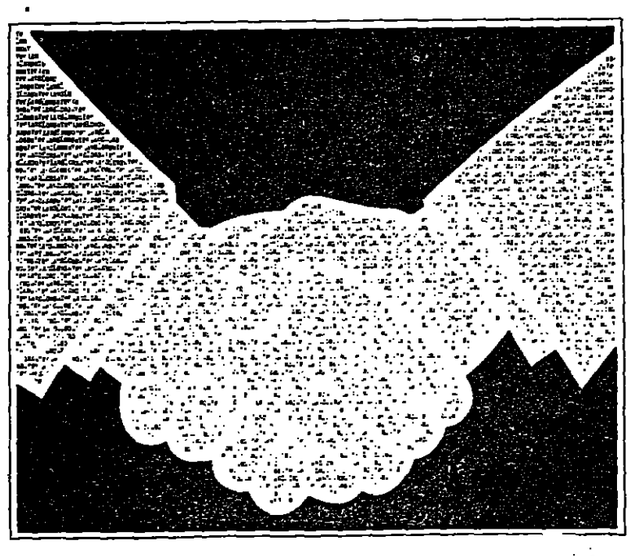
Professor Cuimin Doyle, who supervised the post-mortem examinations of 131 bodies recovered from the catastrophe in which all 329 people on board died, was giving evidence on the second day of the inquest in Cork.

Professor Doyle said there were four separate groups of injuries.

Some victims died from impact injuries incurred on the aircraft, and others died from "flail" injuries received when free-falling from the aircraft, which was at 31,000 ft. Some bodies had a combination of those injuries.

Those in the fourth category drowned. "They were still alive when they entered the water although they were not necessarily conscious", he said.

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OWEN'S SPEECH

Beware of claiming too much, SDP chief warns the Alliance

Reports by John Winder, Anthony Hodges and Sheila Beardall

Opinion polls showed that the electorate believed the Alliance was ready for power and as that wave of opinion rolled on remorselessly people would believe there could be an Alliance government Dr David Owen said yesterday in a speech which received prolonged applause at the Liberal assembly in Dundee.

But the leader of the Social Democratic Party, added: "We are not there yet. Do not preempt that, do not over-claim, but do not lose your real objective."

Throughout the country people wanted to "bust two-party, class-based politics" that had damned the country for too long.

"We are convinced this country has been badly governed now for decades past. We are convinced we have got to have constitutional, democratic reform in order to ensure this country is better governed", he said.

Constituencies should conform to natural, traditional communities and the two parties ought to draw up a list of such natural communities and see whether they made sense on the ground. This would challenge the mythology that there was something sacred about the present system.

A fairer society was part of the recipe for making a stronger and more prosperous society.

"A sense of national unity overriding the interests of any class of section, that is what we will fight for that is what we will win for. A sense of national unity, is the prerequisite to economic recovery, it is the prerequisite to a greater sense of fairness and freedom.

"It is that which Liberals and SDP and we in our alliance are fighting and aiming for. It is that which we will achieve", he said.

The Liberal victory at Brecon and Radnor had been dramatic and the political commentators had gotit wrong. The constituency was next to that of Mr Kinnock's and the Welsh were notoriously anti-Tory. If there was ever going to be a time when Labour broke through it ought to have been at Brecon

The central issue facing the country was unemployment. "I am one of the four million moaning minnies," he said. They were needed to remind the Government of its responsibilities to the unemployed and to school-leavers and to those who had been without a job for four or five years.

Dr Owen said he had visited Handsworth privately on Monday without television cameras or journalists and talked to people on Lozells Road who had lost shops. There was a considerable element of criminality, of looting, problems related to drugs, of people coming in from outside and of racial tension between the different ethnic groups.

"But to deny that the signs of frustration that are arising now in Birmingham, once the industrial heartland of this country, as unemployment rises is to deny all the evidence". (Applause). Mrs Thatcher's decision not to call a full judicial inquiry was a grave mistake, he said.

"We must look again at this problem because I fear it will happen again". He was particularly interested in the relationship between riots and drugs as no one understood the depth of the problem.

What of the next few years? It was critically important not to create a vacuum. Nature and politics abhored a vacuum. "There is no vacuum in British politics because we are filling it", he said.

"We are the parties that have championed postal balloting, championed effective trade unionism, that have argued long and hard that you must bring trade unions back to their members and make the leaders responsible to the trade unionists, about the need for strong and active trade unionism and the right to be a member of a trade union over the GCHQ affair."





Dr David Owen (bottom left) being congratulated on his speech yesterday by a delighted Mr David Steel. (Photographs: John Manning).

CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

Sullivan visited Gilbert in Dundee yesterday. There was no need for a Rupert D'Oly Carte to bring them together, to remind them of the score that together they were popular and a success and apart they might disappear.

Sullivan, David Owen, came willingly to see Gilbert, David Steel, and to address his Liberal Assembly. Nonetheless, there was speculation among his followers about the reception he would receive.

Sullivan was known for his pomposity, for his snobbish inclination to flaunt his friendship with Queen Victoria, and above all for his desire, which he allowed to surface from time to time, to go it alone, write his own music and forget about Gilbert.

David Owen is known, at least at this assembly, for his superiority, his inclination at least to refer to the Queen and his penchant for reminding folk that he was once Foreign Secretary, and above all for his disinclination, not so long ago, to get his tongue around the word Alliance. Gilbert's followers care about words. With all this in mind the Assembly was fearful. It was ready to bristle.

There was no need. The David Owen who had dared to upset them in the past had changed. He was tense; his hand wandered from his jacket pockets to his trouser pockets, and finally settled on either side of the rostrum. But the words flowed: Fellow members of the Alliance, he began. They sighed. He had started on the right note and sweet music was to follow when Owen paid tribute to the way in which the Liberals had rebuilt their party in recent years from the roots up.

He acknowledged that they had a firm base within the community – something which the SDP does not have – and he did not once mention that he was a former Foreign Secretary and nor did he try to emphasize the differences between them.

There was no rhetoric. Sullivan's new tune is low key and soft. It encompassed many leitmotifs of policy but nothing fancy. This politician is not a jokey one; he did try something about a Moaning Minnie being a German rocket-propelled bomb but it was apostrophied, not played upon, and lost in a swirl of seriousness and common sense. The way to prepare for government is to behave like one, and he was behaving like one.

There was relief at the end; G and S were a team indeed. Well, at least four people thought so as they stood to applaud immediately to be slowly followed by others moved by respect, if not warmth. Within hours, however, and with David Owen gone, a large picture of David Steel was plonked firmly on the stage – a provocative move which proved that the removal of the first picture of the two Davids had nothing to do with a dislike of the personality cult and an unsuitable backdrop against which to tackle the afternoon's debate on the need to promote the closest possible partnership with the SDP.

The pictorial provocation was matched by the approach of a handful of speakers calling for one leader and in one case totally repudiating the Alliance. Fringe activities perhaps, but it turned thoughts away from serious theatre and back to operetta.

Linda Christmas

Polaris policy 'by next year'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Liberals should face the fact that defence was a prime area of voters' concern, Dr David Owen said in his address to the Assembly.

But at a joint press conference with Mr David Steel the leader of the Social Democratic Party said later that he was confident that the two parties' differences on the Polaris deterrent and its successor would be ironed out by next year.

Both parties agree that Polaris should be part of the disarmament talks but while the SDP "would not abandon Britain's existing nuclear capability and are willing to replace Polaris," the Liberals are fierce in their opposition to any perpetuation of an independent British nuclear deterrent once Polaris becomes obsolete

Dr Owen told delegates "One of the major reasons why people switched out of Labour and did not stop off at the Alliance but went straight to the Conservatives, was a deep-seated unease about the way the Labour Party would have handled the defence and security of this country."

The Alliance had since been boosted by the support and defection and support of disappointed and disillusioned voters who have switched to the Tories in 1979 and 1983.

The Alliance leaders are pinning their hopes of resolving the defence split on a high-powered joint policy commission, which is expected to report by next May.

It is being said, however, that the reports may well include a number of "bags of flour" which could burst over the two parties at next year's conferences

● Mr Steel said in a BBC television interview yesterday that he was not going to be "harried and pushed" into "finding a quick, snap, one-line solution" to the Alliance differences on Polaris and on American cruise missiles based in Britain, which the Liberals want removed.

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TWO NATIONS

Big housing policy change demanded

A standing ovation of more than a minute was given to Mr Simon Hughes, MP for Bermondsey and Southwark at the end of a debate on housing. He had just likened Mrs Margaret Thatcher to a latter day fish-wife presiding over a housing policy which had been "a macabre and tragic version of the *Tale of Two Cities*". It was a tale of two nations.

A resolution demanding 11 separate actions on housing by the Government involving changes of policy was passed by a large majority.

Mr Mark Hayes, chairman of the party's housing panel, said the motion was designed to respond to the needs of those in housing conditions which no civilized society should tolerate and to those without homes and no chance of getting them.

Mr Mike Harskin, Brent South prospective parliamentary candidate, said that it was impractical to tell young people standing outside empty houses that there was no hope of housing them.

Councillor Rose Colley, Southwark and Bermondsey, said that many people lived in totally unsuitable housing. Most had an impossible dream of a house with a garden, but others were in a worse position, without a home.

Councillor Deidre Razzall, of Richmond on Thames and chairman of the housing committee there, said that housing policy must be related to the needs of the area

JUSTICE

Police body for London is requested

The assembly will be asked to approve a motion tomorrow calling for a change in the law to create a democratic police authority for the Metropolitan Police, covering Greater London, and to give all police authorities power to oversee the work of chief Constables and lay down their operational priorities.

The motion also calls for the setting up of liaison panels as part of a process of involving local communities in consultations with their police forces.

Delegates will also be asked to approve the overhaul of the legal aid system, central government funding for law centres and an appointments system for court appearances.

Failure 'would open door to the extremists'

The failure of an Alliance government would open the door for extremists of the left and right, Mr William Wallace, vice-chairman of the party's standing committee, said during a debate on preparing for government.

He said that his controversial paper, which claimed that the party was not yet prepared for government, was an attempt to shake up the party and the Alliance and make them think hard

"We should not underrate the dangers of an Alliance failure in government", he said.

"The message I wanted to get across, in language which I regret was too colourful in places, was we will inherit an economy in chaos, a demoralized Civil Service, with business and unions uncertain how to react.

"If we want to succeed there is a great deal of work to be done before the election."

Today's debates

Regeneration of the economy will be the main debate at the assembly this afternoon. Other debates are on buses, coal, South Africa, licensing hours and the status of women.

Car import ruling may encourage bargain hunters

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Tuesday's ruling by the European Court of Justice that Ford of Germany must supply right-hand drive cars to British motorists wishing to import them has focused attention again on the savings to be made by importing a car from the Continent.

Extensie discounting by manufacturers selling in Britain has reduced the gap in the past three years.

North Sea oil coming on stream in late 1979 boosted the pound sharply and triggered off the personal import boom. From a few hundred specialist cars a year in 1979 personal imports reached an estimated 50,000 in 1981 and a peak in excess of 70,000 in 1983. They fell to 50,000 last year and were still declining in the first half of this year.

Ford cars were among the most popular early imports, which led to the company intructing its German dealers in 1982 to refuse orders for right-hand drive cars for Britain.

The widespread publicity given to the European Court ruling could lead to renewed interest in personal imports, however, there are still substantial savings to be made but there are pitfalls.

The most frequent complaint is that agents specializing in personal imports seldom keep promises on delivery dates. Readers of *The Times* report delays of up to eight months. When eventually they collect their cars in Brussels or Dusseldorf, the two most favoured centres, they oftern differ significantly in specification from those ordered.

Savings recently quoted by agents included £4,000 on a Citroen CX 2.4 Prestige, more than £3,000 on a Renault 25 V6, £800 on a BMW 318i, £800 on a Honda Accord £2,600 on a Rover 3500 Vitesse, £2,500 on a Ford Sierra Ghia 2-litre Estate, and £80 on an Austin Metro.

No Vauxhall cars are imported but their Opel equivalents are popular buys. An Opel Rekord Estate GLS was quoted with a saving of £2,400 and an Opel Senator CD £2,000. But the biggest saving was £4000 on an Opel Monza GSE three litre.

On October 1 the so-called EEC "Block Exemption" regulation will come intoforce. It instructs manufacturers to supply dealers in any member country who have orders from another EEC country with cars which conform to that country's specifications, provided the model is normally available in both countries.

It will also restrict price differences betwn one country and another to 12 per cent. Failure to comply could result in EEC commissioners withdrawing approval of franchise agreements.

The Consumers' Association says it will help the commissioners to "police" the regulation by monitoring prices with regular surveys.

The industry's official voice, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, naturally takes a more cautious view. It says that a quoted saving of £1,200 on a car selling at £5,700 in Britain and £4,500 in Germany is misleading. The United Kingdom model would carry extra equipment worth about £500 as standard against £100-worth on the German model. In addition, the fiercer discounting here would reduce the list price by about £450 more than in Germany.

It claims the true price-saving of £350 would be further eroded by the cost of time, travel and accommodation to the point where it would not be worth the trouble.

The society blames the price gap on the strength of the pound. Before 1979 it was cheaper to buy a car in Britain, it says. Since then the pound has risen against other European currencies.

Accolades for public design

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Corr.

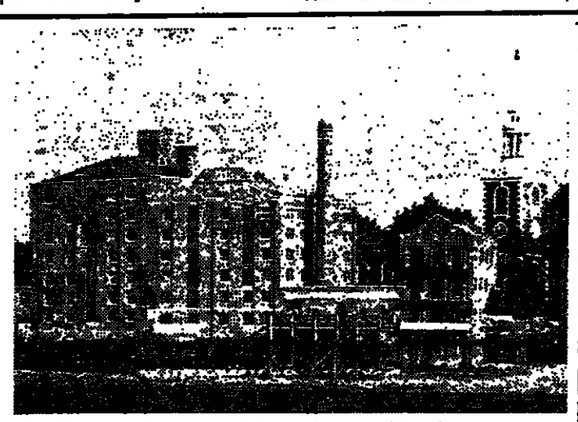
The mediocrity of most developments was criticized yesterday when the 1985 Housing Design Awards were announced at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London. There were 22 awards and 41 commendations, with 17 going to the public sector.

The report for the Greater London area commented: "Schemes completed recently are visually more interesting than those of a decade ago, and now demonstrate a proper concern for these who are to live in them". These remarks could be applied to most of this year's winners.

Among the most interesting award winners is the conversion of Thames Tunnel Mills, Rotherhithe, south-east London, into 71 flats for mostly single people. Designed by Hunt Thompson Associates, commissioned by London and Quadrant Housing Trust and built by Eve Construction, the nineteenth-century warehouse and flour mill had lain derelict for more than 10 years.

The mill sits in an outstanding conservation area, which enabled the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commision to make a substantial grant. The architects have provided an interior of great scale, yet comfortably domestic in character, the assessors said. There is a simple roof garden and many of the flats enjoy a view along the Thames "worth a king's ransom".

The Kingswood Beaumont total care unit in Surrey won a double award for the Richmond, Surrey practice D Y Davies Associates, in the private/public sector housing for the elderly and dwellings designed for the disabled categories.





The Thames Tunnel Mills at Rotherhithe (above) have been converted into 71 flats with an atrium (right). It was designed by Hunt Thompson Associates.

Challenge to Thames inquiry

The Greater London Council was yesterday given permission by a High Court judge to seek orders halting a public inquiry into the east London river crossing which began last week.

Mr Justice Simon Brown gave the GLC leave to seek injunctions at a full hearing starting next Thursday restraining Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport and Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State of the Environment, from continuing the inquiry, headed by Major General Marston Tickell.

Mr Charles George, for the GLC, told the judge that Major General Tickell was not the right man for the job of inquiry inspector because he was being "unfair" in not allowing vital information to be put before the public.

The GLC claimed the inquiry should not go ahead until information concerning the Hackney link road and improvement to the Hanger Lane to Harrow Road is published.

Warning on arms plants switch to private sector

A Commons committee yesterday warned the Government that its desire to privatize the royal ordance factories quickly should not override the importance of getting the best value for money for the taxpayer.

The all-party committee of public accounts also criticized the present arrangements for monitoring the efficiency of the management of the factories and demanded that Parliament should be able to oversee the spending of public money by them while they remained in the public sector.

In January this year the factories which have traditionally supplied ammunition, land weapons and fighting vehicles to the Ministry of Defence and which are financed by a government trading fund, became a public company under the Companies Act with a view to eventual privatization.

The committee yesterday expressed disappointment at a substantial fall in profits during the last nine months of the trading fund.

It pointed to the inaccurate forecasts given by the royal ordance factories in 1978 about the export potential of its explosives plant at Bridgwater, established at a cost of £7million in 1980 and which is now being "written down" to a nominal £1 in the final trading fund accounts. The committee said this was "quite unsatisfactory". But from January this year the accounts will be audited by commercial auditors.

Committee of Public Accounts: Incorporation of the Royal Ordnance Factories (Stationery Office; £3.50).

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Veal farm closed by monks

Monks in the West Sussex village of Storrington have closed a veal farm which has attracted "animal rights" protests.

The Preminstratensian Canons at the Our Lady of England Priory used the continental crating method of rearing calves at Gerston farm.

Last year, they were cleared of nine charges of cruelty after being taken to court by Compassion in World Farming.

The Prior, the Right Rev George Joye, said yesterday: "Due to the introduction of the milk quotas and subsequent shortage of calves our farm became uneconomic."

Miss Carol Long, education officer for Compassion in World Farming, said: "It will give us extra encouragement to continue our battle against other veal farms, as we understand there are 10,000 calves being reared in crates in Britain. It's very cruel and should be banned.

Jury finds 'lack of care' in Serpentine drowning

A boy aged six who drowned in the Serpentine lido, Hyde Park, while on an outing with social workers died as the result of an accident aggravated by lack of care.

A jury at Westminster coroners' court took two hours yesterday to reach its decision after earlier being unable to decide on a unanimous verdict.

Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, said he would not make any formal recommendation because he had every confidence that the Department of Environment would look into the matter after the death.

Adrian Wright, of Inville Road, Walworth, South London, was in a party of seven children aged between five and nine on a Southwark day care centre "expedition" to the lido on July 24. The boy's mother, Mrs Yvonne Wright, told the court no one had asked her permission to take the boy and he was a non-swimmer.

After the child went missing, the social workers, Miss Martine Carruthers and Mr Lance Richard, searched for him among the 500 bathers. His body was recovered in 4ft 6in of water under a diving board.

Dr Knapman told the jury he could not see any grounds for criticizing the action taken by the people involved, but said they might have acted differently with hindsight. "The only way to be certain of no catastrophe is to keep an eye on the children the whole time", he said.

After the hearing Mrs Wright, aged 24, and her husband, Mr Clinton Stephenson, aged 27, of the North Peckham estate, Peckham, who are separated, said they would be seeking legal advice.

Mr Stephenson said the council was trying to put the blame on the lido to cover up for its own mistakes.

He said: "If they were doing their job properly this sort of thing could not happen." We will never forget it - it will always be with us. At least we can sleep a little better." Mr Stephenson added that a lot of improvements needed to be made to the lido but nothing would bring his son back. He said: "It will take a lot for people to allow their kids to go there".

Dr Knapman, advising the jury on the verdicts available said it was not commonplace for a lack of care decision to be incorporated in the verdict, adding it was usually reserved for special circumstances. Mr Richards has been suspended on full pay pending the outcome of an internal inquiry by Southwark council.

Smokers now one in three

Only about a third of British adults smoke cigarettes, and the average weekly consumption of male smokers last year was the lowest recorded.

Smoking among men fell from about 52 per cent in 1972 to 36 per cent last year. Prevalence among women has declined less steadily, from 41 to 32 per cent, acording to the latest general household survey of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

Smoking is much more common in the manual groups.

The proportions of men and women who have given up are highest in professional and managerial groups.

Women smokers consumed an average of 96 cigarettes a week last year against an average of 87 in 1972. The comparable figures for men were 115 last year, against 120 in 1972.

Rescued girl dies

Donna Morris, aged 10, of Folkestone, who had been in intensive care since she was rescued two weeks ago after a wave washed her out to sea, has died at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Detectives sent for trial

Two officers of the metropolitan police flying squad accused of setting up an armed robbery and perverting the course of justice were committed on bail to stand trial at the Central Criminal Court by Bow Street magistrates yesterday.

Det Sergeant Kenneth Day, aged 29, and Det Sergeant Richard John Chapman, aged 29, were suspended last November after an investigation by the television programme *World In Action*.

Teacher sent for trial

Jayne Alison Scott, a gym teacher aged 30, of Croft Road, Farnham Royal Buckinghamshire, who is charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent to Miss Susan Craker her deputy headmistress, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court when she appeared before Barnet magistrates yesterday.

Graves attacked

Two schoolboys, aged 13, caused £300,000 of damage in Tottenham Cemetery, north London, by ransacking 300 graves.

The destruction continued over three nights. The boys, who admitted causing criminal damage between June 24 and July 1, were sentenced to 24 hours at a detention centre by Tottenham juvenile court.

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Nakasone risks anger of his party in breaching defence spending ceiling

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japanese defence policy entered a new era yesterday when the Government committed itself to a five-year defence plan which cannot help but breach a hitherto sacrosanct ceiling on defence spending.

In approving a budget of 18.4 trillion yen (about £55 billion) for defence for 1986-90, the Government moves defence policy on to a new plane which will change what had been defence agency guidelines to be bargained over each year into a policy with the status of a long-term government plan.

Since 1976 Japan has had to hold defence expenditure to less than one per cent of GNP for each year. Within the last 10 days the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, was prevented from scrapping officially that unwritten policy by colleagues in his own Liberal Democratic Party.

In effect the one per cent limit is likely to be breached early in the new programme, giving Mr Nakasone a *de facto* victory which jealous party rivals had denied him.

The new approach is likely to please the Americans and to cause untold anguish among opposition parties, who are convinced that this lifting of constraints will open the way for the re-militarization of Japan and bring ever-increasing levels of expenditure and closer alignment with American policies.

The final bargaining, between senior party officials, the Finance Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, The Director-General of the Defence Agency, Mr Koichi Kato, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Shintaro Abe, continued late into Tuesday evening. Three figures were before them for expenditures of 17, 18 and 19 trillion yen over the five-year period.

The lowest figure, which might have kept expenditure within the old limit, was dismissed as inadequate to meet Japan's defence requirements and, almost as important, would not have satisfied American critics who are starting to link Japan's low levels of defence spending with the American trade deficit with Japan, which could reach $50 billion this year.

As the Liberal Democratic Party Secretary General, Mr Shin Kanemaru, told a party meeting earlier this week: "There is no doubt that our defence spending is fundamentally too low, and this is leading the United States to complain that Japan is sheltering under a free defence umbrella.

"If the current trade friction were to add to this and lead to an economic blockade against Japan, what then would become of Japan-US relations?"

The Government's decision is likely to bring it under heavy opposition fire during an extra session of the Diet Parliament

Mr Nakasone himself has suffered a decline in public popularity since mid-summer, not least because of his controversial official visit in August to the Yasukuni National Shrine dedicated to Japan's war dead.

The defence decision is likely to concern those wary of his brand of nationalism, but if it helps to release some of the tension with the US, his ratings are likely to recover.

Police quiz Nkomo over security documents

From Jan Rath
Harare

Police in Harare on Tuesday took into custody for 90 minutes Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of Zapu, Zimbabwe's only remaining viable black opposition party, to question him about security matters.

He was freed, he said, after telling police that documents showed him had nothing to do with him. A government spokesman confirmed that Mr Nkomo had been questioned about "various matters of national security", but did not specify them.

It is the first time since elections early in July that police have actually apprehended Mr Nkomo. They have, however, seized his personal weapons, arrested his bodyguards, taken his passport, detained four Zapu MPs and arrested the entire black caucus of the Zapu-controlled Bulawayo City Council.

Mr Nkomo said in a telephone interview yesterday that he had been stopped by three detectives in the middle of town, and presented with what he described as "a warrant of apprehension".

They had also shown him four documents relating to military and security matters which they said they had taken from his home in Bulawayo during a search on July 23.

Mr Nkomo said he had told them the documents were not listed in an inventory which police had handed to him during the search. He described the arrest as an insult.



Mrs Thatcher unveiling the commemorative plaque.

Thatcher unveils a symbol of renewed Anglo-Egyptian ties

From Ian Murray, Cairo

Mrs Margaret Thatcher went to a Cairo park yesterday morning, proudly to unveil a plaque at the site of a manhole cover. It was an event which symbolized for her the great co-operation and close relationship she feels exists between Egypt and Britain.

The cover will be not far from the main-line railway tracks, and below it will be the largest sewage system in the world.

The contract was won by British Wastewater. The British Government is contributing £50 million in overseas aid and another £100 million in export credits; British companies are doing a large part of the work.

Mrs Thatcher had even found appropriate words from a great British poet to mark the occasion. "John Milton wrote of 'houses thick and sewers which annoy the air'," she quoted, "and that of course is the nub of the problem."

Cairo is one of the fastest growing cities in the world, with a population expected to reach 16 million by the of the century.

At the moment only six million of its 10 million inhabitants live in houses connected to the sewage system, which was designed at the turn of the century

Although modern British technology is going down the manhole, one of the most important devices will be an Archimedes screw pump, identical in principle to those in use on the Nile in pre-Christian days.

Building the sewer's first phase will take until the end of the decade and meanwhile Cairo is in chaos. French engineers are boring metro tunnels, and British engineers are boring waste water tunnels. A main part of the work has been to improvise temporary systems to provide some amenities until the job is finished.

Apart from her discussions on the problems of the Middle East, Mrs Thatcher took every opportunity to live up to her reputation as Britain's super saleswoman.

Her husband was taken to a composting plant, where British equipment turns Cairo rubbish into fertilizer. The British business community was summoned to a cocktail party on the Embassy lawns, to be encouraged to keep up the good work.

Having visited sewers rather than the Pyramids, Mrs Thatcher set aside yesterday afternoon for sightseeing. She flew south to Luxor for an inspection of some of the great civil engineering of the distant past before travelling on to Amman for her meeting with King Husain.

Her talks in Jordan will try to bolster the King in his attempts to renew the Middle East peace process. Mrs Thatcher wants him to be able to feel that he has international support for his initiative, to give him the courage to press on with negotiations not at all popular elsewhere in the Arab world.

Defence winds up evidence in Aquino case

Manila (Reuter) – Defence lawyers said yesterday that they had no more witnesses to present in the trial of General Fabian Ver and 25 others in connection with the murder of the Filipino opposition leader, Benigno Aquino.

"We have evaluated our evidence and in order not to delay this case we have decided not to present any more witnesses." Mr Noroerto Furagganan, a defence lawyer, told the court.

Court sources said the verdict could be handed down as early as next month unless the prosecution decided to present rebuttal witnesses.

The prosecutor, Mr Bernardo Fernandez, said yesterday that he would meet prosecutors this week to plan their rebuttal.

Mr Aquino was shot dead at Manila airport on August 21, 1983. The military has said that he was shot by Rolando Galman, a purported communist agent, but a commission of inquiry said that the assassination was part of a military plot.

Duarte backtracks on his daughter's kidnap claim

From John Carlin, San Salvador

The identity of the kidnappers of the daughter of President Duarte of El Salvador appears to remain a mystery more than a week after her abduction.

Government officials are backtracking on claims made privately that a left-wing group calling itself the Pedro Pablo Castillo Political Prisoners Front had telephoned saying that it was holding Señora Inés Duarte, aged 35.

The previously unheard-of group was said to have asked for the release of nine political prisoners in exchange for her safe return.

The unofficial Government implication was that this group was an offshoot of the mainstream Salvadorean guerrilla organization, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN).

Suspecting that the guerrillas were holding Señora Inés Duarte, a divorced mother of three, Señor Julio Rey Prendes, the Communications Minister, travelled to Mexico City on Sunday to try to negotiate with the FMLN political wing, the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR). He returned to San Salvador on Tuesday saying the FDR had refused to meet him.

Señor Hector Dqueli, the FDR leader in Mexico City, has denied in a telephone conversation any knowledge of the kidnapping.

Accusing the Government of having carried out fraudulent propaganda tricks, the FDR also said it had had private talks in Mexico with Señor Prendes, despite his claims to the contrary.

The Government has set up a special commission of three to monitor the case. So far it appears to remain in the dark, though the Government clearly insists on believing that the FMLN carried out the kidnapping. If so, it would be out of keeping; in all cases of kidnapping involving the left-wing rebels, they have always been prompt to make public their claim.

Seoul talks grind to halt again

From Our Special Correspondent, Seoul

Economic talks between North and South Korea have reached an impasse despite considerable progress over the last ten months.

After the fourth session yesterday at Panmunjom, a senior South Korean official said that there would have to be "a lot of thinking over the next few weeks to try and open things up some more". The fifth session has been set for November 20.

Both sides took into yesterday's session new draft agreements which in many fundamentals seemed quite close in concept despite differences in emphasis, but the North seemed unwilling to commit itself to practical progress.

The leader of the South Korean delegation, Dr Kim Ki-Hwan, had gone into the meeting expecting to deal with the practicalities of getting commodity trading under way with purchases of Northern anthracite, to discuss joint ventures and to move to reconnect the North-South railway before the end of the year.

But the North Koreans were insistent that the proposed joint economic committee be set up before they start to deal in such practicalities.

There was disagreement, too, on the number of sub-committees to oversee economic co-operation: the South has proposed two, with wide-reaching briefs, while the North insisted originally on seven.

Such nitpicking is at odds with an eagerness by the Northerners that both sides should turn over their drafts immediately to working-level committees for implementation.

"If we cannot agree on these things at the heads of delegation level it is unlikely that there would be agreement at a lower level. It would most likely only delay things," said a South Korean official.

"The distance we have travelled over the past 10 months could not have been imagined two years ago. This is a process in which you cannot get overjoyed one day and cry the next."

Poll shows Sikhs divided

Delhi – Seven days before polling, an *Indian Express* survey of the Punjab election gives Congress (I) a lead of 15 seats over Akali Dal, the Sikh party, in a 117-member house (Kuldip Nayar writes).

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister who toured Punjab for the second day yesterday, is seen as a saviour among Hindus, who are expected to vote Congress (I) en bloc.

The survey says that the Sikh vote will be divided and that some Sikhs are expected to boycott the poll altogether in response to a call from Baba Joginder Singh, the father of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who died during military action in the Golden Temple at Amritsar last year.

A Congress (I) victory could take Punjab back to square one.

The party won a comfortable majority in the 1980 poll and formed a Government, but could not run its full five-year term because the Akalis wanted a share in power.

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China gas leak

Peking (Reuter) – More than 2,000 people become ill when chlorine gas leaked from a tanker on a train as it passed through the city of Fushun, the *China Daily* said.

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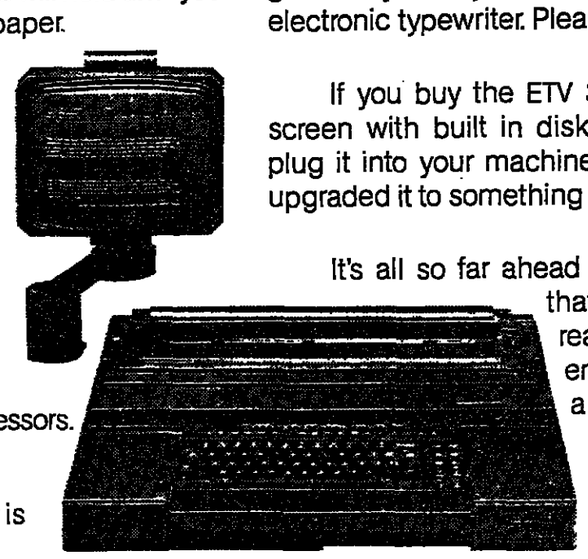
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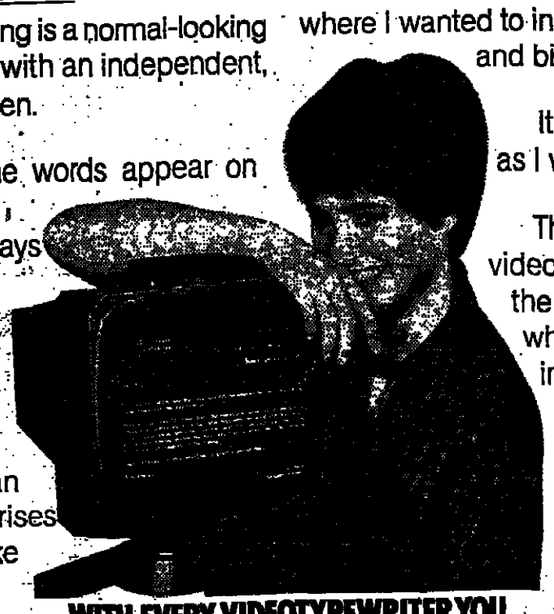
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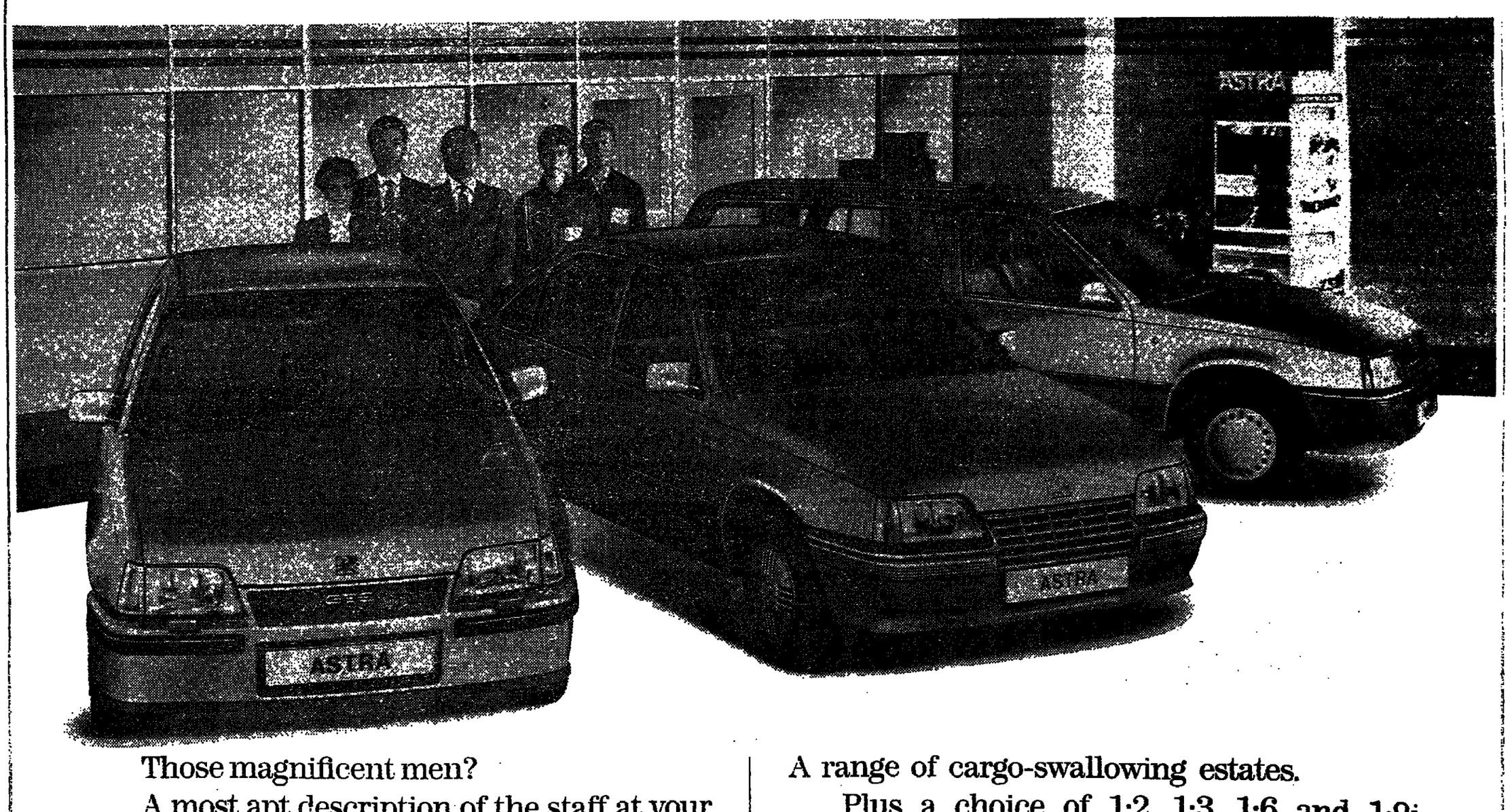
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France drops pre-election tradition and opts for toughest budget since war

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Only six months before the general election, the Mitterrand Government has decided to eschew the traditional give-away pre-election budget and has opted instead to introduce next year one of France's toughest budgets since the war.

There will be cuts of up to 26 per cent in some departments and few concessions to Socialist principles or sensitivities.

For the second year in succession, overall Government spending for 1986 has been programmed to go up by less than the expected growth in the nation's wealth, and by only a little more than the predicted average rise in prices.

As promised last year by President Mitterrand, there will be cuts in income and corporate taxes, but they will be less than originally predicted. Income tax is to be cut by 3 per cent after a 5 per cent cut this year, and there is to be a 5 per cent reduction in tax in company profits which are ploughed back into the business.

The hated wealth tax, introduced by the Socialists in 1982, is to be increased by 8 per cent.

In presenting such a budget, the Socialists have evidently bargained on the idea that proof of their ability and desire to manage the ecomomy rigorously and effectively will prove more attractive to voters than facile electoral gimmicks.

Under the budget proposals approved by the Cabinet yesterday, total Government spending (which in France excludes all social security, pension and unemployment benefit costs) will top a trillion francs for the first time.

At a total of 1,034 billion francs (£188 billion) it represents an increase of 3.9 per cent in money terms, and virtually nil growth in real terms provided the Government's assumption of a 3 per cent average increase in prices over the year proves correct. Some people however, feel that it has been set over-optimistically low. When the Socialists came to power four years ago, Government spending rose by 27 per cent.

The forecast for economic growth is put at 2.1 per cent in real terms (after inflation) – compared with 1.5 per cent forecast this year, which now looks more likely to be only about 1 per cent.

Inflation, now 5.6 per cent a year – the lowest rate in France since 1972 – is intended to fall to 2.9 per cent by the end of 1986, and that will be used as the norm for all the next year's wage increases.

The Government has had remarkable success in keeping most of this year's wage rises to within its 4.5 per cent limit, which is the original target for this year's inflation, though that target has since been revised to 5 per cent.

Thanks to the cuts in income tax, workers' real wages are nevertheless expected to go up by 1.1 per cent this year and by a further 1.3 per cent next year, after two years of a fall in living standards.

As in the current year, the Government aims to restrict the budget deficit to 3 per cent of GDP. Interest payments on Government borrowing are expected to reach nearly 100 billion francs next year. More than 4,300 civil service jobs are due to go as a result of planned economies in the administration, compared with a projected loss of 5,000 this year.

Priortity in government spending is to be given to police, education and training, culture, and defence. The biggest cut is to fall on the Ministry of Industry, which hopes to be able to cut back massively on subsidies to newly-nationalized industries next year. Most of these industries are now moving into the black after several years of severe losses.

Any predictions based on next year's budget must however be regarded with even greater caution than usual, as the present Socialist government will almost certainly no longer be in power after the general election in March.

The opposition has already declared that, if elected, it will introduce a Bill to "rectify" the Socialists' budget.



Michele Sindona, the Sicilian financier, in the defendant's cage at the resumption of his trial in Milan, where he is charged with having ordered the Mafia murder of Giorgio Ambrosoli, the lawyer investigating his failed business empire.

Italians held in Zagreb for pro-EEC campaign

Belgrade (AP) – Three members of Italy's leftist Radical Party have been arrested in Zagreb after having circulated leaflets urging Communist Yugoslavia to join the European Economic Community, a spokesman for the party said.

In a telephone call from Brussels, Signor Alexandro de Perlinghi said that the information was given to him by the Italian Consulate in Zagreb. Four members of the party were arrested in Belgrade and expelled from Yugoslavia on Monday for having distributed similar leaflets.

The Radicals are not represented in the five-party Italian Government coalition. Some members are apparently involved in the international peace movement.

Eritrean flight

Khartoum (Reuter) – Over 10,000 Eritreans have crossed into eastern Sudan this month as a result of heavy fighting between Ethiopian troops and the secessionist Eritrean People's *Liberation Front*, relief agencies said. The influx to a reception centre at Wad Sherife reached a peak of more than 920 a day in the first eight days of *September*.

Rapist jailed

Foix, France (AFP) – Jacques Legrand, aged 27, has been jailed for 10 years for raping two English teenagers he met at a discotheque in south-western France. He pleaded guilty to assaulting and raping the two girls, aged 17 and 18.

Dress rehearsal

Tehran (Reuter) – Hundreds of Muslim militants on motorcycles staged demonstrations in the capital and other Iranian cities to demand full implementation of strict Islamic dress codes, the newspaper *Islamic Republic* reported.

10th victim of Arab feuds

Palestinian publisher shot dead in Athens

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Michel Numari, the Palestinian publisher of a radical weekly in Arabic published here, was shot and killed by an unidentified gunman in central Athens yesterday.

Nine other Arabs have been murdered in the Greek capital since 1978, victims of what is thought to be Arab infighting.

Mr Numari, aged 37, was said to be close to Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Born in Jordan, he carried a Syrian passport.

His Athens magazine, which identifies itself on its title in English as "a political weekly dealing with opposition affairs and liberation movements", came to public notice this week after it printed an exclusive report about a coup attempt in Syria.

The report, published on August 19, claimed that 21 Syrian Air Force officers had been executed and 300 Palestinians arrested in Syria in the wake of an abortive coup against President Assad last July.

The publisher was killed near the lift of the Athens building which houses his magazine office. The gunman, described as Arab-looking in his 30s, shot him three times in the head and chest, then disappeared in dense mid-morning crowds.

The assassination coincided with the official visit to Athens of Major-General Mustapha Tlas, the Syrian Deputy Premier and defence minister, who has been having talks on arms purchases with Greek officials.

The Syrian minister, who was presented by Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek prime Minister, with the Grand Cross of the Greek Order of Honour, spoke of "common political goals" between Syria and Greece. The killing came awkwardly, just as the Greek Socialist Government was enmeshed in the double embarrassment of a terrorist muddle and a military espionage scandal.

The Government came under strong opposition fire when, in the first anti-terrorist crackdown here in years, the chief suspect for bomb outrages and political assassinations turned out to be a paid informer of the Greek Central Intelligence Service (KYP) and a reporter on the state-run television service.

The Defence Ministry was expected to issue a statement after a spate of press reports claiming that revelations by Mr Serge J Bokhan, the Soviet diplomat who defected to the United States in May, had resulted in the arrest of a naval lieutenant, three army officers and two executives of an electronics imports firm

Mr Bokhan, according to these reports, had furnished the Americans with three lists of Soviet agents in Greece, one naming military officers, one businessmen, and a third listing 12 Greek journalists.

Militias battle for Tripoli

Beirut – Fierce street fighting continued in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli yesterday as Lebanese troops withdrew from positions along Syria Street, the main frontline dividing Sunni Muslims from Alawites (Robert Fisk writes).

At least 12 civilians died in the battles over the past 24 hours as Sunni "Tawheed" militiamen tried to take over two houses from Alawite gunmen of the "Arab Democratic Party".

There was a further artillery battle in Beirut after the Druze militia fired six shells at the Lebanese Defence Ministry at Baabda.

Shia Muslim and Druze gunmen also fought on the seafront Corniche in Beirut

Angola incursion's aim to aid Unita

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African ground and air strike into southern Angola went into its third day yesterday amid mounting evidence that its real purpose is to help the Unita forces of Dr Jonas Savimbi, which is engaged in civil war against the Angolan Government.

According to the South Africans, the operation is aimed at forestalling planned attacks on targets in Namibia by guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization, which is fighting for Namibia's independence.

The Angolan Defence Ministry, monitored in Lisbon, claimed on Tuesday night, however, that 18 South African Canberra and Mirage aircraft had bombed Angolan troops near the town of Mavinga in Angola's south-eastern province of Cuando Cubango, some 130 miles north of the Namibian border.

The Angolans say that their troops have inflicted heavy losses on Unita forces in fighting which has been going on for more than a month in Cuando Cubango and Moxico province to the north. Unita has its headquarters at Jamba, south of Mavinga.

According to reports here, Angolan forces are attempting to close on rebel positions in the Mavinga area and drive a wedge between Dr Savimbi's rear base area and the Namibian border, cutting his main supply route from South Africa.

A year ago Dr Savimbi had the Angolan Government under heavy pressure, but since then Luanda's acquisition of the latest Soviet-made MiG-23 aircraft and MI-24 helicopter gunships is said to have tipped the balance of power against him.

The latest Angolan claims coincide with the disclosure by the South Africans that an army medical orderly serving with Unita had been killed last weekend in clashes between Unita rebels and Angolan forces. This is the first public admission of direct South African involvement on Unita's side.

A spokesman for the South African Defence Force said yesterday that the Angolan claims were "probably directed at the Angolan people and armed forces in an attempt to bolster their morale in their present offensive against Unita".

The SADF continues to insist that the cross-border operation is aimed at a "semi-conventional" Swapo battalion of 400 to 800 men and at destroying Swapo food, supplies, storage areas and hiding places. Some 500 South African and local Namibian troops are said to be involved.

Police kill girl of 10 in township

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg

At least three people, including a 10-year-old girl, were killed by the police in continuing violence in Coloured townships near Cape Town yesterday as the trial of 16 leading anti-apartheid campaigners charged with treason resumed in Pietermaritzburg, the Natal capital.

The unrest was concentrated in the townships of Manenberg, Elsie's River and Valhalla Park, and appeared to have been touched off by the refusal of the Government to reopen schools in the area closed on September 6.

On Tuesday, 173 people – 53 boys, 54 girls and 66 adults – were arrested after thousands of Coloured pupils, teachers and parents converged on schools in the western Cape and staged demonstrations calling for their reopening.

In central Cape Town, about 50 people of all races were beaten with sjamboks yesterday by police outside the Caledon Square police station after being given two minutes to disperse. They had come to deliver a letter to the Commissioner of Police expressing concern about the safety of detained relatives.

The police also broke up a procession of angry African, Coloured and Indian bus-drivers sacked after refusing to go on duty yesterday morning. One of their colleagues had been seriously injured by a stone thrown through the windscreen of his bus the day before.

The drivers, who operate on routes serving African and Coloured townships, want wire mesh screens erected round their cabins, and danger money. "It's war out there, and we are in the front line, because our own kids say we are part of the enemy", one driver said.

In the treason trial, the State Prosecutor said he would produce enough evidence to show that the accused, all members of the United Democratic Front, were furthering the aims of the outlawed African National Congress

Five saved from death

From Vijitha Yapa Colombo

The Sri Lankan Supreme Court has reserved its decision until September 23 on the detention of Mr Paul Nallanayagam, the president of the citizens committee of Kalmunai, in eastern Sri Lanka, who was arrested under emergency regulations on a charge of spreading false rumours.

In northern Sri Lanka, the Army said it had saved the lives of five Tamils about to be executed by Tamil guerrillas in Mannar. Six Tamils had been hung from lamp posts, the traditional way of killing what Tamil guerrillas claim as traitors, and were about to be shot when troops arrived.

Deng's young men ready to rejuvenate China

Peking (AP) – A total of 326 "outstanding performers" destined for promotion joined Chinese Communist Party elders at a landmark conference that will enlarge leading party organs and approve an economic blueprint for the next five years.

The young cadres were among 992 delegates who heard the party General Secretary, Mr Hu Yaobang, open the six-day conference by announcing that 56 full members and 34 alternatives will be elected this week to the Central Committee.

The retirements, and in one case resignation, of 65 committee members and alternates were announced at a plenary session of the committee on Monday. Some of the 56 new full members were alternates previously, Mr Hu said.

The rejuvenation drive was launched by the Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, to ensure the continuation of his market-force, open-door reforms, turning China away from Maosim.

Ten Politburo members and other retirees, who accepted Mr Deng's suggestion to make way for younger and more qualified reformers, will retain full pay and other benefits, the Culture Minister, Mr Zhu Muzhi, one of those leaving the Central Committee, told a news conference.

Mr Zhu said the end of the life-tenure system for party bosses was "a symbol of the maturity of the Chinese Communist Party" and would create a new climate to invigorate China.

He termed the changes a partial readjustment in which some Red Army veterans would remain in office, despite their age.

Mr Deng, chairman of the Central Advisory Commission and the state and party military commissions, is aged 81.

"I can say for sure that Comrade Deng Xiaoping and some other old leaders will continue to function in the party's central leading organs," Mr Zhu said.



Mr Zhu briefs the press on changes

Prone British grandmaster shares top place

By Raymond Keene

Tony Miles, the British grandmaster, has shared first prize in the strongest international chess tournament of 1985.

Leading scores at Tilburg, Holland, after completion of play yesterday were Tony Miles, Viktor Lorchnio (Switzerland) and Robert Hübner (W. Germany) 8½/14; Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) 7. All were ahead of grandmasters Timman, Romanishin, Polugaievsky and Djinjihashvili.

Miles's achievement is all the more remarkable in that he played much of the tournament from a prone position after suffering a back injury.

Revived malaria threat alarms WHO

From Alan McGregor Geneva

It is increasingly difficult to cope with malaria worldwide, according to the World Health Organization expert committee on malaria. It was meeting at WHO headquarters for the first time since 1979.

Malaria control measures over 40 years had failed to justify earlier optimism, the committee said. Reducing the ravages of the disease, which include an estimated eight million people dying each year, and half of all African children before the age of five, needed a new approach.

"Malaria control has to be from knowledge and not from an overall blueprint conceived in somebody's mind." Sir Ian McGregor, of Liverpool University, the committee chairman, said. "We need to redevelop the skills that enable people to understand the components of the dynamics of malaria".

Policies successful in one area of a country might fail in another. Diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive action must become an integral part of community-based health programmes.

It was erroneous to attribute increased malaria to mosquitoes having developed resistance to insecticides, he said.

Tests were close on a new vaccine developed in the US.

Several new drugs also were waiting to be tested, including one based on a plant used in China 20 centuries ago.

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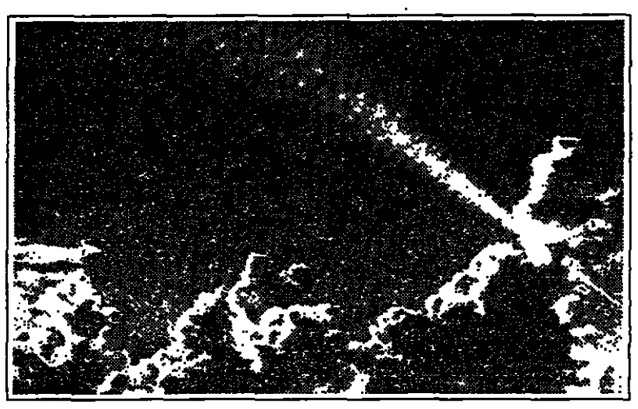
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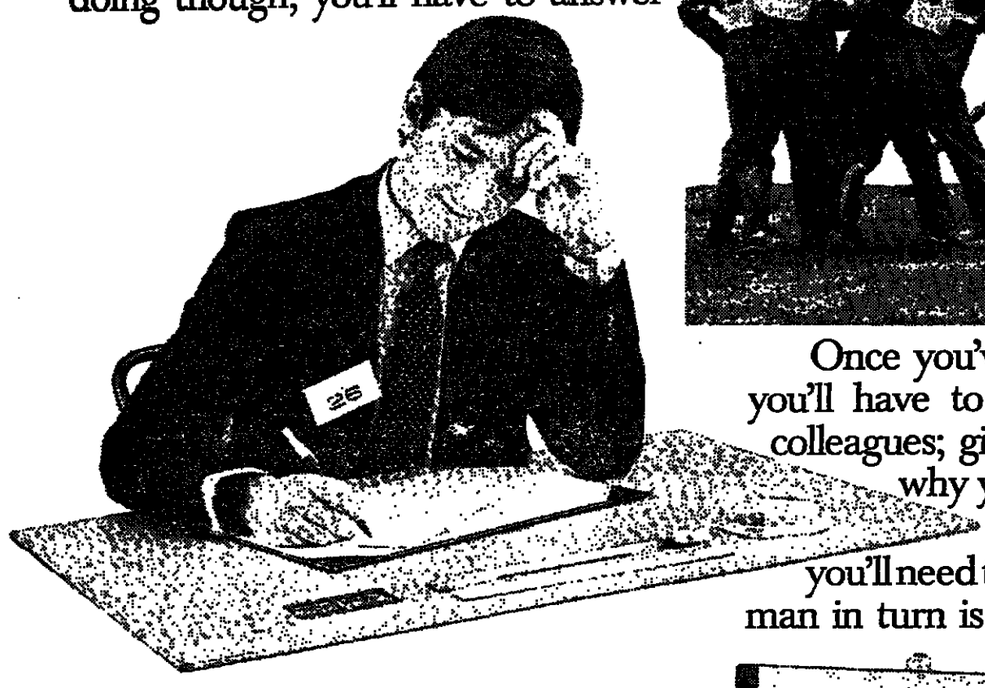
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But as that's where the home of the Regular Commissions Board is, we can assure you that it'll be quite a testing time.

As you might expect, there are interviews with senior officers.

That is by no means all you'll be doing though; you'll have to answer



questions on contemporary world affairs. (You can start preparing for this now, by watching the news instead of the late movie, and reading the 'haughties' as well as the 'naughties'.)

You'll also do a timed essay and three intelligence tests.

And before you leave, we'll have put you through a fairly trying obstacle course to check out your physical potential.

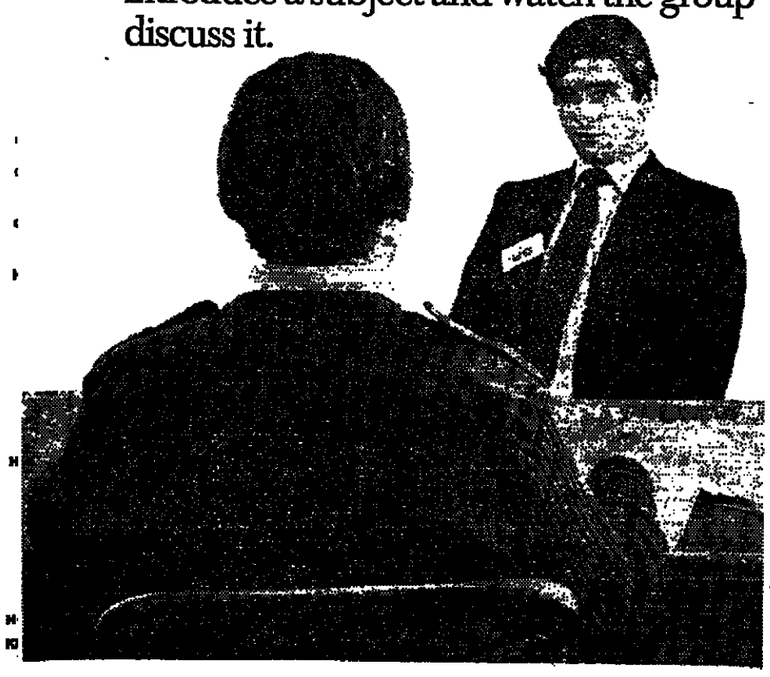
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But by far the most important thing we're looking for is your ability to lead others. So for many of the tasks, you'll be grouped in an eight-man team.

You'll be asked to make a four-minute speech in front of them, and answer questions from the floor.

If you've never done this before, practise. (Not just in front of the mirror; try Speaker's Corner in the rain!)

Then there are Group Discussions. A Group Leader (usually a Major) will introduce a subject and watch the group discuss it.



He'll be watching each member of the group closely; noting their attitudes to each other and to the subjects raised.

In the Planning Project, you'll be given an hour and a half to study a theoretical problem. It will involve the effective use of people, equipment, time and distance.



Once you've figured out a solution, you'll have to sell your plan to your colleagues; giving them good reasons why you think you're right.

For the Command Tasks, you'll need to step outside. Here, each man in turn is put in command of the



group, and has to lead his fellows across a tricky obstacle.

You'll be dealing with oil drums, ropes, poles, planks and the like.

So if you can't climb a rope or if you're not familiar with the workings of pendulums and inclined planes, you'd better do some homework.

For the short time you're with us, you'll be under a great deal of pressure.

Nothing you do or say will go unnoticed. (Until the evenings, that is when you're left to your own devices. There are no hidden cameras!)

But there's method in our madness. The reason why our 'interview' is so hard lies in the very nature of the job, and the demands it makes on a young officer.

Consider what you could be doing a year from now: leading a patrol through the steaming jungle in Belize. Or anywhere else in the world, come to that.

But if all this sounds as if we're looking for superman, take heart. We're not.

Indeed we'd be surprised if you got through the tasks without ever making a mess of things. (If you do pass, it's not as if you'll go straight into the job: you've got seven months of gruelling training ahead, at Sandhurst.)

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In return we'll tell you more about a commission in the Army and advise on how you should apply.

The one piece of advice we can give you here and now is, be yourself.

Army Officer



And that's just the interview.

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Reagan insists he will not bargain with Star Wars programme

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan's firm stance in ruling out negotiation on the research and testing of the Star Wars strategic initiative has defined the framework within which US arms negotiators will resume arms talks with the Russians in Geneva today.

The President said at a nationally televised press conference on Tuesday evening that SDI was not a "bargaining chip" to obtain deep cuts in the Soviet nuclear arsenal, though there was a great deal of room for negotiation before depolyment if the weapon proved feasible.

Testing was a legitimate part of research, permissible under all arms treaties. SDI was not an offensive weapon. The US would consult the allies and the Soviet Union before deployment, but "this is too important to the world to have us be willing to trade that off for a different number of nuclear missiles" he said.

The President said he had not sent his negotiators back to Geneva with any new proposals. The US had already put forward at least six different ways to reduce warheads, but the Russians had refused to negotiate. "They have not made a single comment or proposed a different number; they have just been there. And I don't know how much more flexible we can be."

The President's intransigence has dismayed many people here, including some administration officials who see SDI as a means of obtaining deep cuts in the Soviet arsenal.

But Mr Max Kampelman, head of the US negotiating team, said yesterday that he did not expect the President's remarks to affect the talks. New impetus would depend, however, on the Reagan-Gorbachov summit in November.

Mr Reagan insisted that he was taking this meeting "very seriously", and hoped the two leaders would have "real discussions" leading to a change in the relationship between their countries.

He conceded that the administration may have been too pessimistic in dampening expectations. But it had to be more than a "get-acquainted" meeting. He was not concerned by the Soviet leader's recent propaganda successes, nor were the European allies influenced.

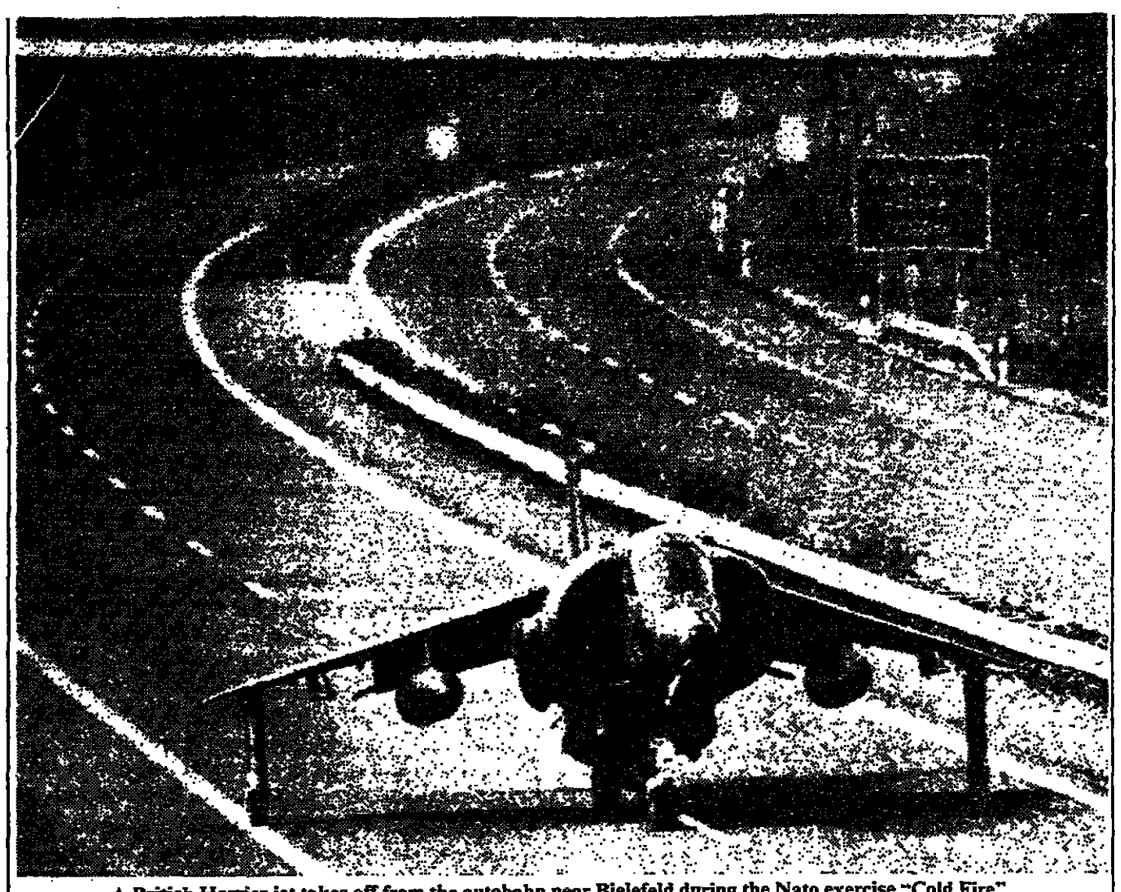
The President did not have to love, or even to like, Mr Gorbachov to do business with him: "I wasn't going to give him a friendship ring," he joked. But both men had to recognize that the world would be better off if they could come to some decisions about the threat of war.

The President, who left yesterday for New Hampshire on another foray to promote his tax reform, appeared tired and drawn. However he vigorously defended his policies, particularly on South Africa. He insisted he was getting along reasonably well with Republicans in Congress.

On the economy, Mr Reagan said he would not allow a "mindless stampede towards protectionism," which he called "a one-way trip to economic disaster". The US must not repeat the mistaken legislation of the 1930s which triggered a world-wide trade war.

On other issues, the President said:

- The US was "re-evaluating" what sensitive information it gave to allies after recent spy scandals in West Germany. "If there has been damage, it's already been done."
- His sanctions against South Africa were successful. "What I tried to do was, to avoid the kind . . . that would have militated against the people we're trying to help."
- The Aids disease was one of his administration's top priorities, and Government funds for research would go up to $126 million (about £94 million) next year.
- Testing of anti-satellite weapons was necessary in order to catch up with the Russians, who had already tested theirs. The timing was not unrelated to the summit.



A British Harrier jet takes off from the autobahn near Bielefeld during the Nato exercise "Cold Fire".

US 'slander', says Tass

Moscow (Reuter) – Tass attacked President Reagan yesterday for having said that the US would go ahead with its Strategic Defence Initiative and accused him of having made slanderous attacks on Soviet policy.

Commenting on Mr Reagan's statement at a press conference on Tuesday, Tass said that he had made clear that the US would not discuss in earnest a ban on space weapons either at the Geneva arms talks or at his summit with Mr Gorbachov.

"He had to admit that the US delegation had not brought any new proposals to Geneva", the agency said. The third round of the arms talks starts today.

Tass said: "Seeking to justify his unconstructive position, the US President once again made slanderous attacks on Soviet policy, reiterated inventions about a US 'lag' behind the USSR in the military field and, without adducing any proof, accused the Soviet Union of being reluctant to negotiate.

"The preposterous nature of such charges, however, is obvious in the light of commonly known facts, most notably the latest Soviet peace initiatives which have won worldwide approval."

Hernu says diver claim a calumny

From Diana Geddes
Paris

As the uproar over latest allegations implicating the French Government in the Greenpeace affair grew here yesterday, M Charles Hernu, the Defence Minister, who is in the front line of the attacks, spoke of his "indignation over this campaign of slander", while the Government reaffirmed its determination to establish the truth.

With scant regard for the possible basis of the latest allegations, Opposition leaders have been revelling in an orgy of condemnation and recrimination, some accusing President Mitterrand directly of lying and demanding his immediate resignation in what they describe as a French Watergate.

According to unsourced allegations reported in yesterday's *Le Monde*, M Hernu, General Jean Saulnier, then the President's chief military aide and now Commander in Chief of the armed forces, and General Jeannou Lacaz, the former commander in chief, all knew in advance of the attack on the Greenpeace boat, the Rainbow Warrior, even if they did not actually order it.



M Hernu: Angry at 'slander campaign'

According to *Le Monde*'s unnamed informant, M Mitterrand himself did not know of the attack, and was not told about it until a week after the boat was sunk.

The latest allegation, that a hitherto unheard-of third team of French secret agents planted bombs under the Rainbow Warrior, was apparently discussed only briefly at yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

M Hernu escaped the Cabinet meeting through a side door, but later called journalists to the Ministry of Defence to express his indignation over the "campaign of calumny against French military leaders" and to insist again that "no service and no organization under my Ministry received any order to commit an attack against the Rainbow Warrior".

The DGSE, the French foreign intelligence service had no other agents in New Zealand at the time of the attack, he said, other than the five already known about, who had been sent on a peaceful mission to gather information about the Greenpeace anti-nuclear test campaign.

Moscow accused of campaign to acquire West's technology

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration issued a hard-hitting report yesterday accusing the Soviet Union of a "massive, well-organized campaign" to acquire Western technology for its weapons and military equipment projects.

The report, prepared before the defection of Mr Oleg Gordievsky, the KGB head in London, said that the main centres of KGB activity were London, Bonn, Cologne, New York, Tokyo and Vienna.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said: "What it really means is that we are subsidizing the military build-up of the Soviet Union."

He insisted that the release of the document was not an attempt to throw cold water on the Reagan-Gorbachov summit on November 19-20, any more than the British had attempted to do so by expelling 31 Soviet citizens.

The report details hundreds of specific examples of Soviet military equipment and weapons said to be benefiting from Western technology and products.

"Western products and technology secrets are being systematically acquired by intricately organized, highly effective collection prgrammes specifically targeted to improve Soviet military weapons systems", he said.

The report suggests that many American technological secrets are lost through KGB activities in western Europe. Pentagon officials said last night that the allies understood that their participation in President Reagan's Star Wars research programme would involve precise security arrangements.

The report, which does not give any sources of information, said virtually every Soviet military research project benefits from Western technical documents and hardware.

"Targets include defence contractors, manufacturers, foreign trading firms, academic institutions and electronic data bases. Only recently has the full extent of illegal Soviet technology collections become known."

Scandal of Kohl secretary

Net was closing on defectors

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, was told on August 28 his counter-espionage section had sought permission for telephone and mail checks on the secretary in his office who has defected to East Germany, as well as on her husband.

But the Chancellor agreed with his advisors that it be rejected because evidence against them was not firm enough, Herr Hans Neusel of the Ministry of the Interior, said yesterday.

By August 28, the couple, Herta-Astrid and Herbert Willner, were on holiday in Spain.

The request for surveillance was the most serious example of the interest which the security authorities had been taking in the couple for some time.

From Herr Neusel's remarks, an impression is gained of a trail of suspicion leading to the Willners but not reaching them in time.

As a long-serving secretary employed by the Government, Frau Willner had been positively vetted several times. When she moved from the Ministry of Defence to the Chancellery in November 1973, the positive vetting was very thorough, Herr Neusel said.

At Defence she shared a room with Frau Renate Lutze, who was jailed in 1976 for having passed copies of thousands of documents to East Germany, and exchanged for a western agent, Herr Neusel said.

Counting the cost of the expulsions at home and overseas

By Nicholas Ashford
Diplomatic Correspondent

The tit-for-tat battle between Britain and the Soviet Union has damaged severely both countries' operations in the other's capital – but in significantly different ways.

The chief casualties on the British side have been among diplomats and support staff at the British Embassy in Moscow. Twenty-three Britons working in the Embassy, including 15 diplomats, have been ordered to leave.

By contrast the loss at the Soviet Embassy in London is 13, only eight of whom were diplomats. The Soviet trade mission in London, which is considered an extension of the Embassy, was badly hit, however, losing 17 of its 45 members.

British officials insist that it is misleading to look at the expulsions in purely numerical terms. "What matters is that we have destroyed an entire KGB operation in Britain, an official said. Their expulsions, on the other hand, were purely political retaliations."

Strictly speaking, both sides can replace those expelled. In Britain's case, there is no limit on the number of diplomats the Russians allow to work at the British Embassy. However they can, and do, control numbers through the allocation of visas or accommodation.

Britons in Moscow	Pre-expulsions	Post-expulsions
Diplomats	43	28
Non-diplomats	28	20
Businessm'n	18	16
Journalists	14	8
Total	103	72

Russians in Britain	Pre-expulsions	Post-expulsions
Diplomats	39	31
Embassy staff	46	41
Trade delegation	45	38
Ancillary organizat'ns	104	95
Total	234	205

A total of 29 Soviet officials have been expelled since last Thursday. Two others who were ordered to leave worked for international organizations based in London. The total number of expulsions by each side was 31.

Britain does not in any case have a large pool of Soviet specialists on which it can call immediately to fill the vacated posts. Replacements have not yet been found for the three British diplomats expelled from Moscow in April.

It is likely to be many months before the British diplomatic complement in Moscow returns to the pre-expulsion level of 43.

In London, since the 1971 mass expulsions of Russian spies, Britain has placed a ceiling on the number of Soviet officials allowed to work here. Before Thursday's expulsions the number was 234, of whom up to 46 could be diplomats (the rest being Embassy staff, trade delegation members, businessmen or journalists). Since the expulsions the ceiling has droppd to 205, though the number of permitted diplomats remains at 46.

This means that the Soviet Union can replace its eight expelled diplomats (if the British agree), but would have to send back eight of their non-diplomatic quota to Moscow.

In both countries Embassy wives often worked as secretaries, researchers and librarians. Britain will forfeit the services of six working wives in Moscow; the Russian loss is believed to be heavier.

The speed with which Moscow allows Britain to replace its ousted staff will provide an important pointer to its desire to improve relations with Britain.

British officials have been quick to point out that a Scottish trade mission has been well received in Moscow even while the present diplomatic row was taking place.

A British trade mission is due there at the end of this month, a meeting of the Anglo-Soviet joint commission on trade is due in London next month, and Mr Paul Channon, the Minister for Trade, is tentatively scheduled to go to Moscow before the end of the year.

The first real test of the political atmosphere will be at the beginning of next week when Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will hold talks in New York with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart.

Argentine President woos Germans

Praise but no aid for Alfonsin

From Frank Johnson in Bonn and Susan MacDonald in Paris

President Alfonsin of Argentina left Bonn for Paris yesterday after a visit in which he received much praise as the symbol of new Argentine democracy, but less of what he most wanted, German economic aid.

Such aid was promised publicly by President von Weizsäcker, but as a general principle rather than in detail. The attitude of German officials, in more detailed exchanges with the Argentine visitors, seems to have been more hard-headed.

Bonn seems to be awaiting the success, or otherwise, of Argentina's own efforts to put its finances in order, though the efforts so far were praised by the Germans.

Señor Alfonsin told interviewers that he hoped West Germany would use its influence to dissuade Britain from an "unyielding" position on the Falklands. His Foreign Minister, Señor Dante Caputo, said that time was on Argentina's side, that there was no quick solution, but that Britain would find it harder to defend its position, both at home and abroad.

The President's four-day visit to France is the last stage of his European tour. It has both economic and political overtones and was given an extra dimension by the decision by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, to meet him in Paris last night about the Falklands.

Señor Alfonsin, with Señor Caputo and Señor Juan Sourouille, his Economy Minister, will hold talks with President Mitterrand, M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister, and leading commercial figures.

He would like France to support his economic austerity programme by increasing investment in Argentina and by being kindly disposed towards its $46,000 million foreign debt.

Señor Alfonsin would like France to adopt a more publicly sympathetic view of Argentina's claim to Falklands sovereignty with regard to the approaching United Nations general debate.

France, however, is interested in the fate of two French nuns allegedly tortured and killed in Argentina after the coup. Captain Alfredo Astiz, who was exonerated by an Argentine military tribunal earlier this year, is alleged to be involved.

EEC ministers agree on 1986 budget figures

From Jonathan Braude
Brussels

The first leg of the EEC's annual budget marathon has been run without mishap. Ministers have agreed an 1986 figure of £18.25 billion which lies below the financial ceiling set for next year.

The ceiling, however, applies only to spending within an EEC of ten nations, and the additional spending for projects in Spain and Portugal will exceed the limit.

The 1986 draft budget now includes an allocation of £12 billion for agricultural support spending, £825 million for the European total fund and £951 million for the regional fund, from which Britain derives particular benefits.

But the compromise reached by out-voting Italy, Ireland and Greece in their demands for higher spending is only a first draft. The European Parliament will have its first reading of the budget in November.

MEPs, ever jealous of their right to propose amendments to the budget, are expected to add an extra £1.7 billion before ministers have another chance to make cuts.

Result satisfies Kremlin

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directed against blameless people who had worked hard and conscientiously in their respective spheres to improve Anglo-Soviet relations.

The Ambassador said he had protested in the strongest terms against the groundless and totally unjustified accusations of "activities incompatible with their status" against diplomats and journalists, The euphemism for spying.

The six include Mr Ian Sloane, the cultural attaché, who has the rank of First Secretary and arrived only recently; Squadron Leader Robert Hooper, an assistant air attaché, and Mr Martin Nesirky of Reuter, who was in any case due to complete his Moscow posting shortly.

The other three – a sergeant and a chief petty officer from the military attaché's office, and a communications officer – did not correspond exactly to the two Soviet clerks and a trac official named by London on Monday. This was a slight departure from the principle of precise reciprocity adopted by Moscow on Saturday.

Officially, the expulsions tally stands at 31 Russians and 31 Britons, but British Embassy sources point out that the total British figure was 37, since six of those expelled have spouses who also work at the embassy or in jobs in the British community.

"In this sense the Russians come off best," one British resident said angrily.

CND flies on Soviet peace mission

By Pat Healy

A delegation from the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament led by Mrs Joan Ruddock left for Moscow yesterday for 10 days of talks with official and unofficial Soviet peace groups.

Ms Meg Beresford, general secretary, said that CND had thought hard about whether to continue with the visit because of the expulsions and counter-expulsions between Britain and the Soviet Union, but had been encouraged by a statement from Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, that Britain still wanted to improve relations with the Soviet Union. "We are interested in détente from below", Ms Beresford said.

The delegation, stressing that CND was non-aligned and opposed to all nuclear weapons, hopes to meet Soviet Government representatives and military experts and will visit disarmament think tanks.

Delegates said that both superpowers should take independent steps to show that they were "seriously committed to ending the nuclear arms race".

At Heathrow Mrs Ruddock said that the current spy scandals would not affect the visit. "Spies are the same the world over. Morally, you can't differentiate between them, no matter what country they come from", she said.

Stowaway survivor offers his testimony

Dar es Salaam (AP) – A man who claims he was one of the stowaways thrown from a Greek ship into shark-infested waters said yesterday that neither he nor three other survivors were contacted to testify during the trial of the ship's crew.

"I do not understand why photographs of us survivors have not been sent to Greece to assist in the trial," Mr Ramadhani Juma Maharage said in an inteview with the government-owned *Daily News*. "Our testimonies would surely have been very important in the case against the ship's crew."

Antonis Plytzanopoulos, aged 44, captain of the Greek freighter Garifalia, was convicted on September 12 of endangering lives and inflicting grievous bodily injuries and was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. Eight crew members were convicted of complicity, and another was convicted of perjury.

The charges stem from an incident in 1984, in which Plytzanopoulos and some members of his crew forced 11 African stowaways overboard in a shark-infested area of the Indian Ocean.

Only Mr Maharage, aged 31, and three of his Tanzanian countrymen have come forward with claims that they were among the Garifalia stowaways. They drifted and swam before coming ashore on the Somali coast south of Mogadishu.

Portugal holds 79 for arson

Lisbon (AP) – The Portuguese Prime Minister, Dr Mario Soares, said that 79 people were detained on suspicion of starting forest fires in recent weeks. Police activity, he said, would be stepped up to prevent arson.

The Government will release $1.7 million to help areas of central and northern Portugal hit by forest fires, he said. At least 18 people, including 14 firefighters, have died in fires this year.

Florence offer

Rome (Reuter) – The Italian authorities offered a 500 million lire (£187,000) reward for identifying the "Monster of Florence", a sadistic killer believed to have murdered 16 people in Tuscany over 17 years. He specializes in shooting courting couples and mutilates the women.

Deadly smoke

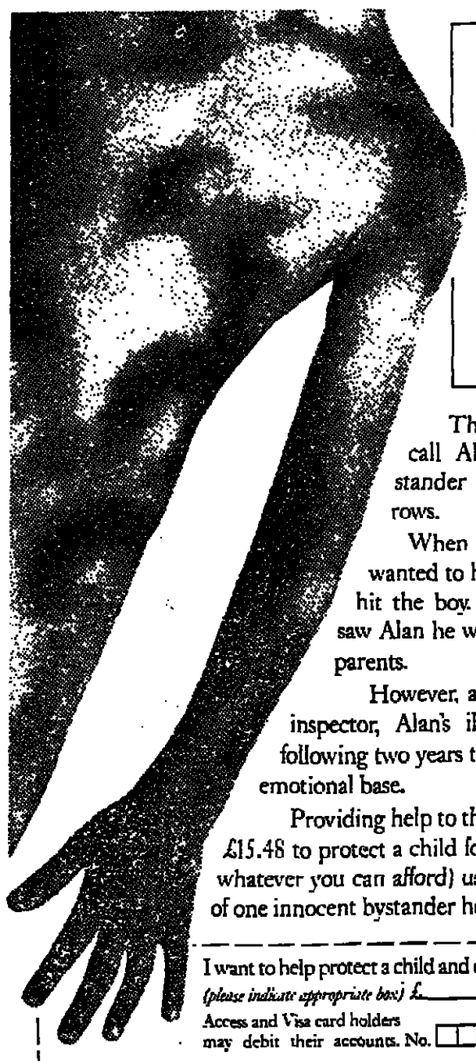
Munich (Reuter) – The pesticide DDT, banned in many countries because of its harmful effects on the environment, has been found in 21 cigarette brands, the West German Magazine *Nature* said.

Peking march

Peking (AFP) – Some 1,000 students marched through Peking shouting anti-Japanese slogans despite efforts by the authorities to block the demonstration.

Koivisto visit

Moscow – President Koivisto of Finland arrived here on a 10-day visit that includes both official business and a vacation.



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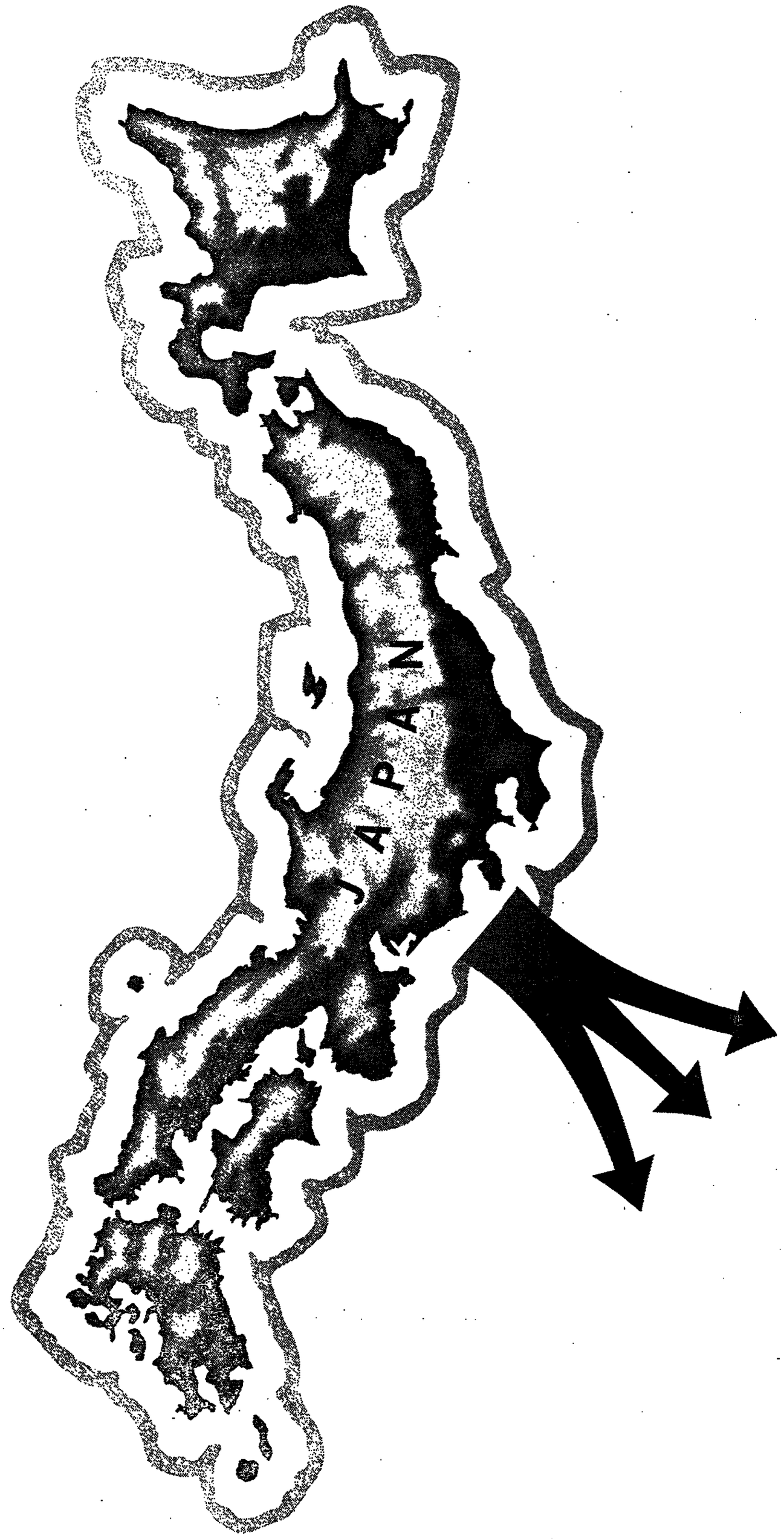
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The high-society socialist



The Times Profile: Laurent Fabius

"Fabius is more Florentine than his master (François Mitterrand)", the right-wing newspaper, *Le Quotidien*, grumbled after Laurent Fabius's recent 90-minute television interview. "The form was excellent", it admitted grudgingly, "but the Prime Minister provided none of the answers to the questions being asked by the French public ... we were presented with a talented void".

After just over a year as France's youngest Prime Minister for more than 150 years (he was 37 when appointed), and a possible future President, Fabius is more of a puzzle than ever. He appears full of contradictions.

Son of one of the richest antique dealers in Paris, brought up in the traditions of the French *grande bourgeoisie*, and educated at the most elite schools and universities, he turned to socialism in his mid-20s. As budget minister in 1982 he was responsible for introducing the hated wealth tax. Often accused of being dry, cold and aloof, he has nevertheless been voted the number one sex symbol by French women.

Fabius infuriates his critics because they cannot find his Achilles' heel. With his undeniably brilliant mind and his extraordinary cool self-control, he seems impregnable. His skill in ducking out of tricky situations (such as the Greenpeace affair, which refuses to lie down) has led to his being dubbed the Teflon Prime Minster, because nothing sticks.

Tackled about his low profile and marked absences from the political scene, Fabius replied: "My idea of a Prime Minister is someone who reflects, gives advice, takes decisions. He should not be a knock-about comedian. I've got work to do. Politicians wear out very quickly... I don't want to tire people."

There are signs, however, that he may have begun to do just that already. When he first came into office, Fabius was welcomed like a breath of fresh air. His slim elegance, highly articulate intelligence, and courteous patrician manner were in stark contrast to the affable rotundity and avuncular plebeian *bonhomie* of his predecessor and senior by nearly 20 years, Pierre Mauroy.

No one had expected Fabius to be nominated. He was talented, and a favourite of Mitterrand, but far too young and inexperienced, it was said. The opposition was caught unawares. Some were forced to admit that the magician Mitterrand had pulled off another coup. "The President has chosen one of the very best, if not the best", said Francois Léotard, general secretary of the Giscardian Parti Républicain.

When Fabius came to office, the opinion polls showed he had the confidence of a remarkable 58 per cent of the French in his ability to solve the country's problems. This was at a time when the Socialists' support in the country had dropped to just 20 per cent – their score in the June 1984 elections for the European Parliament.

A few months later, however, his rating began to fall. Political experts predicted that he would be replaced by the consistently more popular Michel Rocard before the general election due in March 1986.

Fabius's star rose briefly at the beginning of this year but in most of the recent surveys asking whom people would like to see as the next Prime Minister or President, Fabius has lagged well behind Rocard and Raymond Barre. Those expressing confidence in his ability to tackle the country's problems have dropped to 37 per cent. Yet he continues to attract considerable personal sympathy right across the political divide.

A large majority of the French still consider him courageous, competent, confident, calm and generally *sympathique*. On a lighter level, he came top of the list of Frenchmen with whom women aged 25 to 35 would like to spend their "last night of love".

Brilliant technocrat Fabius may be, but his ready self-deprecating smile, dancing eyes, and seemingly innocent good looks, coupled with a certain shyness, evidently hold a considerable charm, while not detracting from his ability to assume a statesman-like gravitas.

And yet something is not quite right. Fabius seems just too reasonable, too smooth, too measured, too controlled. There are no gaffes, but nor is there any panache. The emotions expressed often seem rehearsed. His moderation may save him from making too many enemies, but it also has a tendency to bore.

Fabius has often been compared to a young Giscard D'Estaing. Both pursued brilliant academic careers at France's most elite universities and enjoyed meteoric political rises. Both come from wealthy upper middle-class backgrounds, they have a similar slim elegance, and both went prematurely bald.

He has one essential political quality, the common touch

But as Fabius points out: "Having the same bald pate does not necessarily mean you make the same errors of political judgement". Fabius has nevertheless set off on the same perilous mission as Giscard – to break the traditional mould of French politics by creating and conquering the so-far elusive middle ground.

Fabius may yet succeed where Giscard failed for he appears to have at least the embryo of one essential political quality Giscard so sorely lacked – the common touch.

He can chat about the banalities of his family life on a popular morning radio show without seeming foolish or self-conscious. Listeners learnt that he goes out in the morning to fetch the bread and newspapers. His family means the world to him. He goes with *his wife, Francoise Castro, to the* cinema every Sunday afternoon.

His wife, to whom he has been married for four years, is an active member of the Socialist Party national executive and "much more militant than me". She is Pisces and he Leo. "She believes in that a lot. I don't very much". Political discussions are avoided at home because they lead to rows.

One consistent criticism of Fabius is that he is not a real Socialist, simply a highly ambitious opportunist. With *his upper middle-class upbringing* and BCBG (*bon chic, bon genre*) style, he has always been suspected by the Communists who left the government as soon as he was made Prime Minister.

Although a student at "Science Po" during the 1968 "*événements*", he continued to lead his high life of pretty girls, parties and elegant clothes rather than manning the barricades.

Why did he not join the Socialist Party until he was 28? Why is he now pursuing policies formerly associated *with the Right such as cutting income* tax, promoting business investment, ceasing support to lame ducks, promoting educational elitism, tightening immigration rules, and introducing one of the toughest spending budgets since the war?

Fabius insists he is a "modern pragmatic Socialist". He speaks of seeking a "middle way between an over-interfering state and unbridled economic liberalism, where individual freedom can flourish without leaving by the wayside all those who cannot follow".

He follows no ready-made recipes. Yet, in his last television interview, he seemed to have realized he must make some concessions to the Left if he is to hope for a political future. So he speaks of his adherence to three *major principles – equal opportunity*, social "solidarity" and "a certain moral imperative", no doubt safe in the knowledge that hardly anyone *could disagree with those broad* ideals.

Asked whether he still believes in one of the former key tenets of the Socialist Party, a complete break with capitalism, he replied: "Well, it must be very, very, very progressive".

When Fabius came into office, everyone spoke of his being no more than his master's voice, a Mitterrand clone. However, he quickly succeeded in establishing his own separate identity.

From time to time there are rumours of a rupture with Mitterrand, but they seem to be based more on wishful thinking than truth. If Mitterrand does not run again for the presidency in 1988, Fabius can probably count on his support for his own bid.

It is worth remembering that Fabius will still be only 54 in the year 2000. But he has one serious handicap. He is a Jew, and although France has had Jewish Prime Ministers before, it has never had a Jewish President.

Diana Geddes

BIOGRAPHY

- **1946:** Born Aug 20, Paris. Education: Louis le Grand lycée; école normale supérieure; Institut d'études politiques; Ecole *Nationale d'Administration* (1971-73).
- **1973:** Member of the Conseil d'Etat.
- **1974:** Joins Socialist Party.
- **1976:** *Directeur du cabinet* of François Mitterrand.
- **1977:** Elected deputy mayor, Grand Quevilly, Seine Maritime.
- **1978:** Elected parliamentary deputy for Seine Maritime.
- **1979:** Spokesman of Socialist Party.
- **1981:** Marries Françoise Castro (two children, Thomas and Victor); director, Mitterrand's presidential campaign; re-elected deputy but resigns seat on being given ministerial post.
- **1983:** Becomes minister for trade, industry and research.
- **1984:** Becomes prime minister.

Concluding his series, **Daniel Ford** examines the doomsday dilemma facing US military strategists

Will the Americans strike first?

THE BUTTON Part 3



Paul Leith

In the event of a sudden nuclear attack, with the US President and many of his aides killed and main command posts such as the Pentagon and Strategic Air Command HQ filled with dead officers and dead telephones, a co-ordinated counter-attack against the Soviet Union might be impossible.

The Russians would, however, face massive retribution from US submarines firing on their own initiative once they cease to receive the broadcast coded message: "We're happy". The US submarine fleet, two thirds of which is normally at sea, carries nearly 5,000 nuclear missiles with a total destructive power roughly equivalent to 23,000 Hiroshimas.

*The submarine counter-*attack would very likely consist of ragged, poorly timed and militarily pointless salvos ordered by commanders isolated from the civilian hierarchy and from each other. For the submarine fleet, too, suffers from what a 1979 report to Congress described as "perhaps the weakest link in our strategic forces" – lack of the necessary communications channels.

The Navy's TACAMO aircraft (the acronym stands for "Take Charge and Move Out") are radio relay planes equipped with very low frequency antennae that are supposed to convey orders, if there is anyone left to give them, to US submarines on patrol.

TACAMOs are refitted C-130 transports stuffed with communications equipment. They are grossly overweight, and several modifications have had to be made to permit them to carry all the heavy gear they need and still get into the air.

As a message-relay station, a TACAMO plane suffers from further limitations to its basic mission. It depends on a single antenna for both receiving and broadcasting messages, which has meant that it could jam itself. Its worst limitation, however, as a *post-attack* message-distribution centre, results from the fact that the single TACAMO plane over the Atlantic and its sister plane over the Pacific are rarely in a position where they can give a comprehensive order to all of the submarines on patrol.

"Basically, it's never there when it's wanted", Dr Desmond Ball, head of the Australian National University's Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, told me. An admiral compared the weakness of the communications link with the submarines to what you would get if you put "a watch chain in connection with a battleship anchor cable".

Nevertheless, the submarine fleet, which President Reagan has described as the "revenge force", is seen as the main deterrent to a Soviet first strike. Frank von Hippel, the Princeton University physicist, makes the important point: "Lack of centralized control is not the same as lack of nuclear deterrence. What do Soviet leaders think US submarine crews are going to do if they learn that the United States has been destroyed – go to Tahiti and retire?"

Even if it is now to be upgraded at a cost of billions of dollars, what conclusion can be drawn from the flawed, ad hoc nature of the US command and *communications structure?*

United States civilian and military leaders have stated in solemn and unqualified terms that they would never use the country's nuclear forces to make a surprise attack, a first strike, *on the Soviet Union.* However, every military organization, by what it does, by the kinds of weapons and related apparatus it deploys, will inevitably provide many clues to its true aims.

The standard account of presidential control, and of the use of nuclear weapons only in retaliation for Soviet attack, is a piece of contemporary folklore. *There is, to be sure,* a black bag that is carried by the President's military aide. It does, in fact, contain authentication codes as well as a notebook whose pages outline the various options in the US nuclear war plan, known as SIOP (Single Integrated *Optional Plan).*

The current SIOP, however, is divided into two main parts: it has a wide range of attack options, not just a set of attack-response plans. The military, moreover, which prepares the codes and accompanying documents with the assistance of the National Security Agency, does not, as we have already seen, provide them merely to the President. It keeps copies – several copies – for itself.

The military's communications systems, as we have also seen, are expected to work badly or not at all as emergencies arise. No greater emergency can be imagined than a Soviet nuclear attack on the United States. Yet most Pentagon communications gear, including some of the special systems relied upon to convey the order to retaliate, is able to operate only in a benign peacetime environment.

On the other hand, if it is the Pentagon's plan to strike first should the ultimate showdown with the Soviet Union occur, experts judge the existing command and control system satisfactory. Just about any primitive communications method is good enough for this purpose. The formats for first-strike orders have been deliberately designed, that is, so that a single short code containing all the required information can even be delivered over non-secure public telephone lines.

Thus, the existing command and control system serves to reveal the kind of nuclear war plan the Pentagon has adopted. *A command system ill-prepared* to deliver orders for retaliation, but streamlined to convey commands for a first strike, suggests unmistakeably the basic intent of its designers. It also indicates the size of the gap between official rhetoric and Pentagon plans.

In addition to assembling circumstantial evidence, it is possible, of course, to ask Pentagon strategists what they have in mind. Senior officials who have worked on the SIOP without compromising security restrictions are able to provide remarkable details about the offensive strategy that now dominates US nuclear war planning.

Actual preparations attach only secondary importance to retaliation. The primary emergency plan, the one that would be executed if a nuclear showdown appeared inevitable, involves a massive first strike on key military targets in the Soviet Union. Its principal aim would be to kill Soviet leaders and thereby paralyse the highly centralized Soviet war machine.

An Air Force strategist, who has worked on the SIOP, told me: "If there is a nuclear war, the United States will start it." Should some crisis make war seem unavoidable, he said, the Air Force view is that, when you have to fight, you fight. You do not concede the initiative to the enemy, especially when the enemy's first salvo could involve the *destruction of your forces and* your homeland.

"In a real situation, you don't compare going first to going second", a former Pentagon official said. "You compare going first with not going at all. *If you're going to get into a* nuclear war, that's big time. When you go, go. Do it. Finish the job. Launching under attack just means that you've missed the moment."

Soviet awareness of the *potentially decisive importance* of attacks against enemy leadership is suggested not just by their writings about how to attack the United States. To protect their own high officials during possible nuclear conflict, they have built some 2,000 underground bunkers capable of housing more than 110,000 Soviet military officials and Communist Party leaders.

Desmond Ball estimates that it would require "more than 2,000" nuclear warheads to knock out the entire Soviet command system, but top Soviet leaders, despite the efforts to protect themselves, might also have difficulty in surviving a direct US attack.

The underground shelters that have been built will not guarantee absolute protection against incoming US warheads, including those that burrow into the ground before exploding. For one thing, like officials in Washington who would have little time to run for their helicopters, Soviet leaders may not have much of an opportunity to seek their underground hideaways.

Missiles launched from US *submarines stationed in the* North Sea could reach Moscow in minutes, as could the Pershing II missiles that the US is deploying in West Germany.

Of course, the President can try to negotiate with the Soviets *in a crisis if he wants to*, but the military options in his black book were not designed with any step-by-step bargaining in mind. "There is no provision in the SIOP for controlled escalation", a senior officer who has worked on it told me.

Controlled nuclear options to force concessions from the Soviets presume communications with the Soviet Union. "Yet, from a military *point of view, one of the most* efficient kinds of attack is against leadership and command and control systems", said General Brent Scowcroft, another senior military officer. "This is a dilemma that, I think, we still have not completely come to grips with."

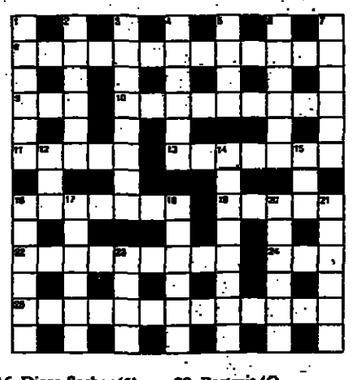
The question whether it is better to plan to kill Soviet leaders or to keep them around to negotiate with has simply been left open. The subject is treated in the way it is customary for government planners to handle important problems that they are unable to resolve. The official attitude is that we shall fall off that bridge when we come to it.

Adapted from *The Button: The Nuclear Trigger – Does It Work?* by Daniel Ford, to be published by Allen & Unwin (£12.95) on September 26.

Sir Terence Conran

Sir Terence Conran, chairman of Habitat Mothercare PLC, is founder of Conran Associates and Habitat, which merged with Mothercare in 1982 and took over Richard Shops the following year, and not founder of all four as stated yesterday. Mr Selim Zilkha was founder of Mothercare.

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BOOKS I

Shaking history and mysticism

FICTION 1

Stuart Evans

A MAGGOT
By John Fowles
Cape, £9.95

PARADISE POSTPONED
By John Mortimer
Viking, £9.95

Two ostensible gentlemen, attended by their male servants and a woman, ride with silent purpose through a sullen West Country landscape towards a shabby little town, where they put up at the inn. They claim to be uncle and nephew on their way to a reconciliatory meeting with a rich aunt of the younger, saturnine man, whom the woman in the party is to serve as maid. One manservant is a bragging libertine, a *miles gloriosus*; the other is a deaf-mute of striking physique but wan intelligence. Soon after the party's departure, this man is found hanged in a wood, his mouth stuffed with violets. The other members of the party have all disappeared on the road to Bideford.

Ayscough, the relentless man of affairs of a very noble personage, investigates the mystery, at first stern but benign: later revealing himself to be prejudiced and reactionary. Who is the obsessed, brooding young man with his chest of cabbalistic papers? What is the maidservant – a woman of quality in disguise or a whore? What is their true destination and destiny?

John Fowles explains in his prologue a maggot is not merely the larval stage of a winged creature ("as is the written text, at least in the writer's hope"), but in an older sense of the word a whim or quirk. He describes the particular quirk which engrossed him and led to this remarkable and brilliant work of fiction. Often Mr Fowles breaks off the narrative and the intricately plotted interrogations to comment on the action, the characters, the attitudes of the time, and the novel is interspersed with extracts from the monthly historical chronicle of *The Gentleman's Magazine* of 1736, which reveal the cruelties, injustices, gross inconsistencies and ephemeral sensations of a mercenary society deeply distrustful of change.

Always the champion of free-thinking, enlightenment *through experience, John Fow*les not only portrays a venal, brutal age which bred dissent of the most extreme kind, as manifested by the religious sect of Shakers, whose founder appears at the very end of the novel, but he explores "*inside* that weird tense grammar does not allow, the imaginary present": the strange mystical territories of trance and illusion where forces of good and evil are transformed and confused in the eye of the beholder. The imaginative power of the novel is astounding, the technical virtuosity and structural daring equally so.

Appearing in the same week as a novel by Mr Fowles must be rather like having to bat after Compton or Dexter in their pomp, but each of the other three novels under review is thoughtful, incisive, as well as highly entertaining. John Mortimer's *Paradise Postponed* is a witty chronicle of rural English life as it reflects national fads and preoccupations from 1945 to the present day. The Reverend Simeon Simcox, one of those beaming, affluent, Christian Socialist crusaders, thought by some to be a saint but really something of a pain in the hassock, leaves (it would seem) a considerable fortune not to his wife and sons, but to a maladroit, opportunist local lad who has soared out of the lower middle-class into the rarefied air of the Conservative Cabinet of the present day.

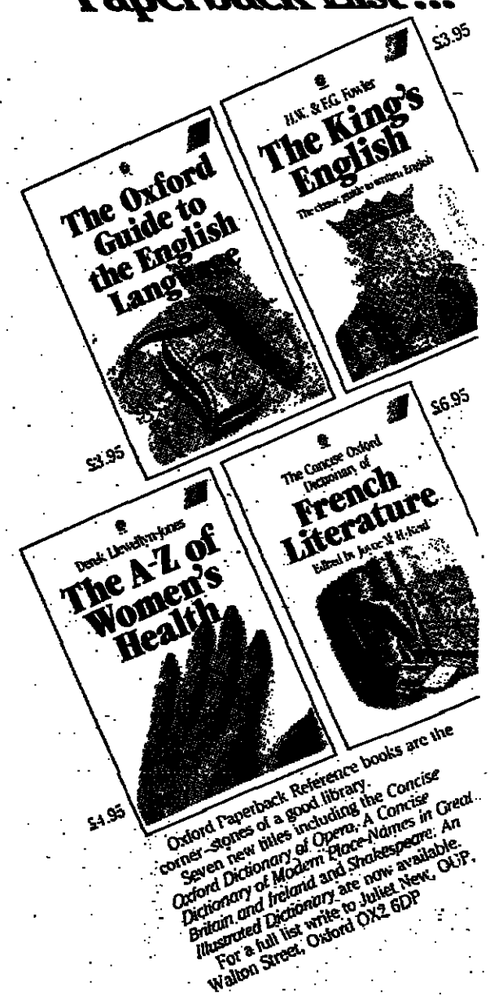


John Fowles: magus

One of the Simcox sons, once an angry young now a successfully bibulous and bigoted novelist, wishes to contest the will and uncover a mystery, which the other son, an amiable and unassuming country doctor, rightly diagnoses will cause a fair amount of distress. The plot is by no means impenetrable, but the strength of the novel lies in the sure portrayal of character – from the vaguely charming rector's widow through the taut defensive sometime mistress or wife of both Simcox brothers and her acerbic father to boorish county bigwigs and loutish but cunning proles. Mr Mortimer enjoys much acid fun at the expense of some of his characters, but creates others who deserve the sort of commonplace compassion that is, after all, as often found in definable communities as malice and social rancour.

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BOOKS II

Writer as campaigner

James Fenton on the credos and confusions of a novelist

ON WRITING AND POLITICS 1967-1983
By Gunter Grass
Translated by Ralph Manheim
Secker & Warburg, £12

Speaking at a writers' conference in Belgrade in 1969, Gunter Grass took a firm line on revolution:

I'll come right out with it: I'm against revolution. I detest the sacrifices that always have to be made in its name. I detest its superhuman goals, its absolute demands, its inhuman intolerance; I fear the mechanism of revolution, which had to invent permanent counterrevolution as an antidote to its efforts.

This all seems very clear and unambiguous. But it is nothing of the kind. For the same writer, in 1982, is found defending the Nicaraguan revolution, as a revolution, alongside Solidarity, which he also thinks of as a revolution. Seeing the American attempt to undermine the Sandinistas, Grass feels ashamed that America is the ally of his country.

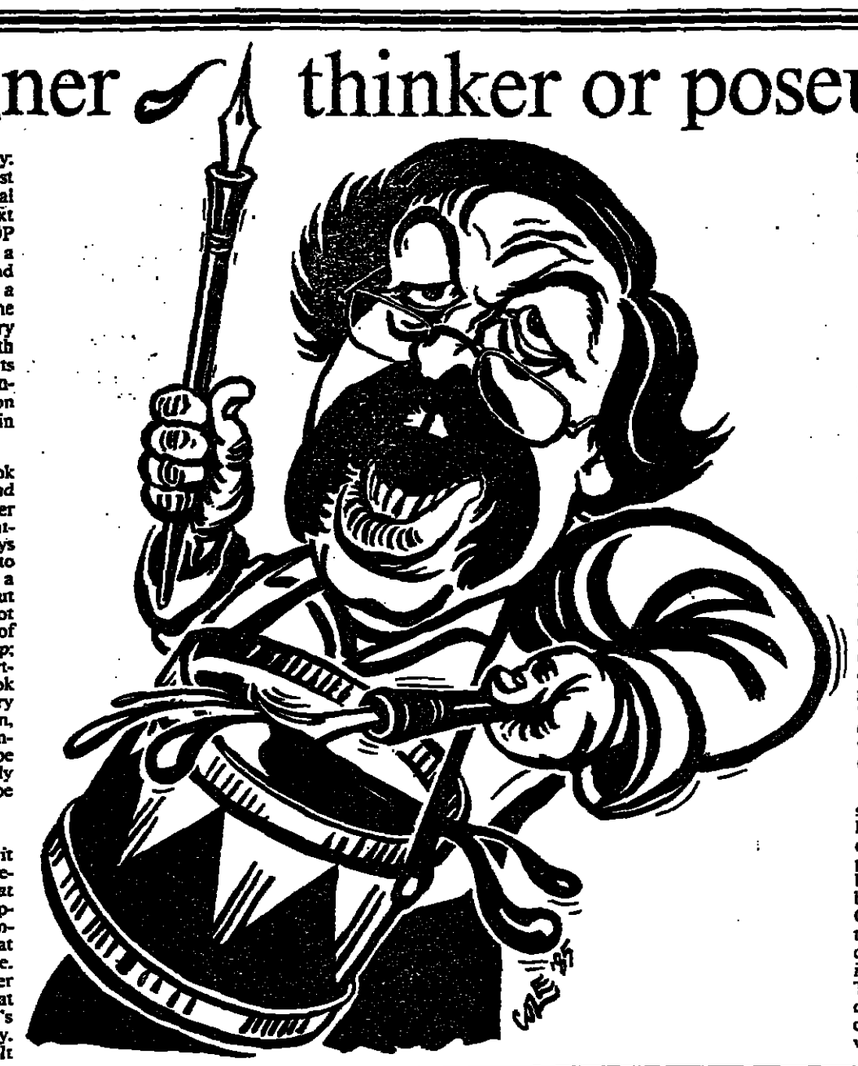
I wish West Germany would renounce that alliance – and not only because of American aggression against Nicaragua. The members of the Atlantic alliance are expected to accept quietly or even condone every action of their protector. America's aggressions, like those of the Soviet Union, have become pervasive, and they can no longer be excused as stupidity. Because I support both Solidarity and the Sandinistas I cannot remain indifferent to the wrongs done them by Russia and the United States.

Well, it is possible that Grass's attitude simply changed between 1969 and 1982 – that wouldn't be so odd, although it would be odd to collect both statements in one short book. In fact though Grass hasn't changed his mind at all. He detests revolutionary talk in a Western democracy – so what he was attacking in 1969 was the European New Left. On the other hand, when he sees people taking to the streets in the name of liberty in Eastern Europe or Central America, he gets as excited as the next man. When a dictatorship is overthrown or a bureaucracy underminded, he's all in favour of it. A visit to Nicaragua makes him want to tear up the Nato alliance, without apparently any separate provision for the protection of West Germany. This is loose talk, especially when it comes from a man who condemns the loose talk of the New Left. I think Guñter Grass is a poseur.

For, of course, it is not much more than banal to say "I'm against revolution", meaning no more than "I'd rather avoid having one wherever possible." Some people cannot choose the terms of the political struggle in hand. It is one thing to say: given the present state in West Germany (say, in 1968) the vital task is to campaign in next year's elections so that the SDP can win and we can make a reasonable, if undramatic, kind of progress. It is quite a different matter to ponder the best way forward in a country like South Africa or South Korea where your opponents are adamant that any concession in your direction amounts to the first step in revolution.

People do, of course, look wistfully to other countries and other periods and wonder whether history could be repeating itself. During the early days of General Chun's accession to power in Korea, I remember a south Korean wondering out loud if his country were not going through the equivalent of our Cromwellian dictatorship; he found the thought comforting. Other Koreans might look wistfully at the extraordinary peaceful transitions in Spain, Portugal and Greece and wonder whether the pressure to be modern might not eventually turn into a pressure to be democratic.

Dictatorships can, it seems, vanish peaceably. But the fact that such things can happen, given propitous circumstances, does not mean that they are an option everywhere. It seems, in retrospect, rather wise of the Spanish to have sat out the years of Franco's decline. But they were lucky. Their king had some quality. It seems in retrospect unwise of the Germans to have sat out the years of Hitlers decline. But it may be that revolution was not an option.



thinker or poseur

As Grass puts it, National Socialism was itself a revolution, and in his Belgrade address he sees mechanisms in revolutions which are the same, regardless of the political character of the proponents. In particular "the relationship between right-wing literature and right-orientated revolution is not unlike the relationship between left-wing literature and left-orientated revolution". How odd, though, that being so sensitive on this point, he should produce such a glowing account of the Nicaraguan revolution on the basis of a visit with a delegation (which sounds so like the visits of delegations to Russia in earlier days). It is not that one disbelieves the account on those grounds alone. It is just that you would have expected more circumspection from a man who claims to have learnt some of the lessons of history.

So much of this small selection of journalism and lectures has a self-pleased tone of voice. When you examine the points made, they turn out to be banal or superficial. Grass may be passionately interested in German politics, but as far as the rest of the world is concerned he seems much more interested in the question of The-Writer-and-Politics than in current events themselves. It comes across like an obsession with status, like a pose.

Latin American boloney

Malcolm Deas

FIRE FROM THE MOUNTAIN
The Making of a Sandinista
By Omar Cabezas
Translated by Kathleen Weaver
Cape, £9.95, paperback £5.95

Though it has been brought out by Jonathan Cape – does that mean anything now? Who is Jonathan Cape? – this book is an example of the mindless attitude to Latin America and to Latin American writing among Anglo-Saxon publishers that makes one wish they would just stick to old Sir Stanley Unwin's advice that it was better to have nothing to do with that part of the world at all. Perhaps those responsible in this case were led astray by Carlos Fuentes's raving introduction. Latin American literature has its longueurs, but not much of it is as bad as this.

Aggressively translated though it has been into *gringo macho*, Omar Cabezas's text when glimpsed behind the lines was obviously inviting such treatment anyway. *Fire from the Mountain. The Making of a Sandinista* tells the curious reader next to nothing about Nicaragua, Somoza, the opposition to Somoza, the Sandinistas or the making of Omar Cabezas. It is banal from start – the dustjacket photograph of a man with a moustache and a beret raising his thumb – to finish – an agitprop historical footnote by Walter LaFeber. A meagre list of facts can be extracted from the swear-words and confused wanderings between the two: marching in the hills is exhausting, peasants go to bed early, monkeys look more human skinned, the jungle is predominantly green, when it rains you get wet.

Of politics proper, revolutionary, reactionary or reformist, there is hardly a trace in *Fire from the Mountain;* when the author reveals a train of thought, which is not often, he is a Guevarist, a believer in the "new man."

Whatever he may be, he has certainly not written a good book. Publishing it must therefore be seen as some sort of gesture of solidarity with Sandinista Nicaragua. Towards Nicaraguans, whatever side they are on, it looks to me more like condescension. About the book-buying British public Jonathan Cape have clearly come to disagree with Unwin: as long as it is about Nicaragua, some people will buy just anything.

The fat owl as satirist and satyr

FICTION 2

Stuart Evans

BUT FOR BUNTER
By David Hughes
Heinemann, £8.95

BUNTER SAHIB
By Daniel Green
Hodder & Stoughton, £8.95

A bad week for private boarding schools, especially those which are nasty, minor and brutish. Both "Bunters" in the novels by David Hughes and Daniel Green survive, by dint of various unscrupulous techniques, ugly trials, albeit in different centuries.

David Hughes's *But for Bunter*, for all its lively comedy and fantastical satire, is a serious enough swipe at assumptions and values out of which our present uneasy society has evolved. Weymouth, a rather prissy, inhibited academic, turned Civil Servant, a prisoner of his upbringing, is looking into the state of British culture, with special reference to low-achieving school-children.

He is put on the trail of Archibald Aitken upon whom Frank Richards allegedly based Bunter, the fat owl himself, by his highly-sexed, bossy wife from whom he is separated. Aitken (aged 89) is monumentally obese, displaying all the gluttony, vanity, guile, and duplicity of Bunter, with an added pinch of lust. He is attended and thwarted by an odiously spiteful companion, Smedley, who does his best to obstruct Weymouth. Meanwhile Joanna, Weymouth's secretary, in a circuitous way uses his new found obsession to induce a more vigorously erotic enterprise in her boss. Aitken identifies the "Famous Five" and casually throws away accounts of the world-shaking events in which he had an obscure part. The dust jacket gives too much away in its caricatures, so your reviewer will desist. The novel is stylish, inventive, wry and in its cool assessment of the "Greyfriars Ethic" bitterly ironic.

Bunter Sahib is a picaresque farce. As Mr Hughes took in vain the names and reputations of figures from recent history, Daniel Green makes free with celebrities of the early nineteenth century. This Bunter is the great-great-grandfather of the Greyfriars buffoon. He shares all his descendant's characteristics but in addition possesses an outsize *membrum virile*, which is the central running joke of the novel, out of which the last gout is wrung (as it were). For various reasons the Bunter in question incurs the wrath or lust of various males and unfailingly arouses the concupiscent passions of almost every female he encounters, eventually to be trapped in the tigerish clutches of the Begum of Sumroo, far far more deadly than the host of his homicidal pursuers.

What men or gods are these? What holy rag-bag?

Peter Jones

GREEK RELIGION
By Walter Burkert
Translated by John Raffan
Blackwell, £25

GREEK RELIGION AND SOCIETY
Edited by P. E. Easterling and J. V. Muir
Cambridge, £22.50, paperback £7.95

For Westerners who find Christian theology a branch of rarefied, though often subtle, Higher Guesswork, there is something quite appealing about Greek religion: its squabbling family of gods gives an extremely satisfying account of the world's inherent contradictions and unfairness; and its agreeable anthropomorphism stimulates the imagination no end (is that funny-shaped tree over there really a nymph saved at the last minute by divine metamorphosis from rape by Apollo?). For Greeks, theology came a very bad second to celebrations, through which the terrible power of mighty forces might be acknowledged – public play-festivals, games, processions and sacrifices at one end of the scale, to the spilling of a drop of wine onto the ground before a feast at the other. The point is that Greeks were (with reason) hard-headed about what humans could or could not expect to discover about divine powers. So they began from first principles, namely, that the powerful demanded respect and acknowledgement, and if they got it might be expected to reciprocate with favours. By making love, a Greek pleased Aphrodite, by drinking, he delighted Dionysus, by hunting, he kept Artemis sweet. Local and state festivals gave blanket coverage of other easily offended powers (about one day in three in Classical Athens was devoted to festivals of one sort or another). Creeds and revealed words were all irrelevant to such a system – why should all-powerful gods care what you *believed* about them? Myths were concrete stories about the gods, not abstract dogma.

Intellectuals went for this glorious rag-bag head-first (how else?). Xenophanes attacked anthropomorphism by pointing out that if horses could paint, they would paint gods to resemble . . . horses. Heraclitus likened praying to a statue to holding a conversation with a house. Plato asserted that reality lay only in an unchanging, incorporeal other-world. But the masses were not fooled by all this Lower Guesswork. Did not their own survival demonstrate beyond all contradiction divine approval of inherited practices?

It is a pleasure to welcome onto the market two books which between them give such a penetrating account of Greek religion. *Greek Religion and Society* makes a fitting public tribute to its dedicatee, John Sharwood Smith, mastermind of the recent revival in classical studies. It consists of a collection of essays by the finest British scholars in the field writing for the intelligent layman. John Gould's opening essay "On making sense of Greek religion" stands a fair chance of being the most brilliant concise account ever written. Walter Burkert's German treatise (published in 1977) is translated into English for the first time. Burkert's work is of a different order from *Greek Religion and Society*. It is a powerful synthesis from the greatest living authority on the subject, but for all its depth and detail, it is never less than lucid and the text is constantly enlivened with vivid asides and illuminating analogies. (Only the complete absence of illustrations disappoints.) Both books are shining examples of scholarship made accessible to the layman by people who (for once) really know what they are talking about.

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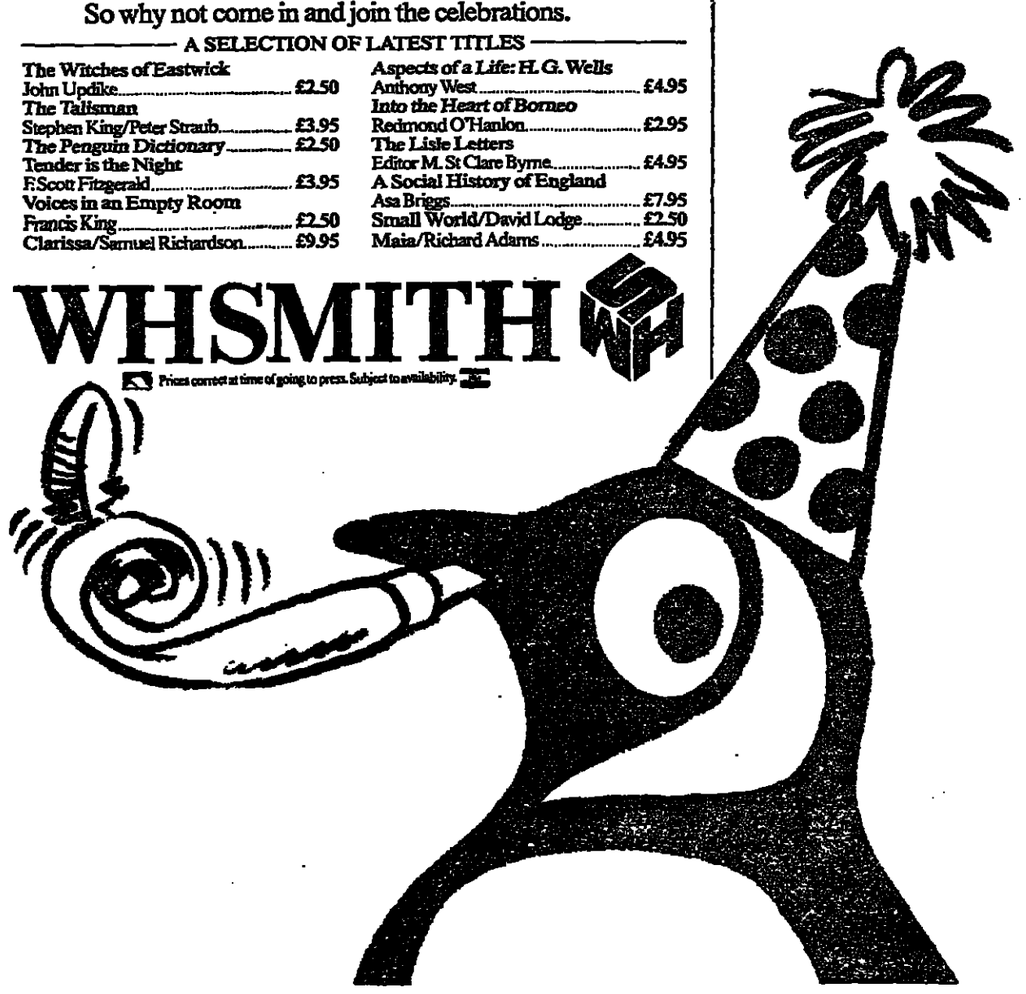
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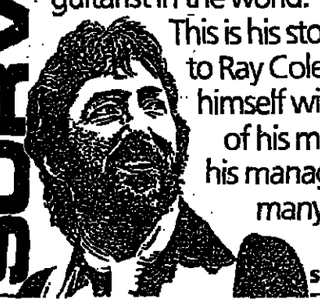
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Short and snappy

Forget international aid and butter mountains: *dwarf-tossing* is the latest issue to exercise the minds of the European Parliament. An anonymous Euro-mole has passed the following : "Document B2-784/85, Motion for Resolution *tabled by Mrs Squarcialupi pursuant* to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure on the new 'sport' of dwarf-tossing. The European Parliament, having heard that in some countries in Europe and elsewhere a new sort of *competition is being organized* which consists in throwing a person of restricted growth, ie a dwarf, as far as possible and that this is done by particularly robust men; having furthermore learnt that certain individuals are apparently searching in various countries, including the UK, for dwarfs, the European Parliament condemns most strongly the commercial exploitation of dwarfs; requests that investigation be carried out as a matter of urgency into an international 'dwarf tossing' championship due to be held in Australia and that the Australian government be urged to ban it; and instructs its president to forward this resolution to the governments of *Member States*, the *Australian* government and the United Nations."

● **First the good news: Shirley Williams made it on time to an early evening fringe meeting at Dundee. Now the bad news: in the rush she lost her briefcase. An assistant eventually found it. Let us hope Shirley is never trusted with carrying the Chancellor's box on budget day.**

Clarion call

No gold clock or Teasmade for Ken Thomas, former general secretary of the Civil and Public Servants' Association. For his leaving present three years ago he asked for a symphony: not any old symphony, a new one. After the idea was approved, Thomas approached Swansea composer Daniel Jones, who composed one specially. Jones's £2,000 bill was paid from a whip-round at the CPSA and a grant by the Welsh Arts Council. The first performance will be given next Thursday at St David's Hall, Cardiff, by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Erich Bergel.

Under revue

David Owen is obviously tired of pretending to laugh at himself. His wife Debbie, arriving in Dundee on Tuesday night, expressed a desire to visit the Liberals' revue later in the evening. Owen made it clear he did not consider their presence appropriate and stayed well away. Despite obliging the cameras with a fixed grin at the SDP revue last week, Owen apparently found a number of its jokes rather too near the knuckle to chuckle at.

Taking a bow

Things aren't so bad here after all. His Imperial Highness Prince Hiro of Japan, the grandson of the Emperor, who has *just come down* from Merton College, Oxford, told me at his leaving beano in Whitehall: "I don't want to go . . . I would like to stay longer." The Prince must have an odd sense of fun: for the past two years he has been studying the "Custom House Register of Ships Arriving in Hyogo North Port – with special reference to the Toimaru agencies".

Gearing up

Further support for my report that PC Plod is psychic. The Birmingham HQ of West Midlands police – which, I am told, has started receiving calls from South African newspapers wanting full details of Handsworth-style community policing – put in a very canny order back in July: £160,000 worth of personal protection gear, extra riot shields and protective equipment for police vans "*to deal with any large-scale* disorder which might break out." The order got the rubber stamp.

Room aplenty

A *poignant notice* went up in the increasingly empty British embassy in Moscow yesterday as the Russians expelled another six Britons. "Owing to some cancellations the British dacha is free on the following dates at reduced price . . ." The British Club meanwhile is looking for a new governing board as six of its ten members are on the Kremlin's expulsion list. I also learn that the Soviet foreign ministry *official who has the job of* instructing expelled journalists of how and when to leave is a Mr Kalashnikov.

● **Even London's smartest society *hosts could not outdo* Nigel Williamson, editor of *Tribune*, whose guest list for the paper's relaunch party tomorrow includes Soviet spies Aleksandr Kodintsev, the Novosti correspondent, and Yuriy Kudmov of *Pravda*. I'm told they intend making the most of their last days of freedom. . . .**

Tenner plus

A junkshop bargain hunter emerges in the unlikely figure of Sir Peter Pears who has donated a Constable he bought in Swiss Cottage for £25 to the Sotheby's auction next month in aid of Aldeburgh. The painting is expected to fetch around £18,000. The Queen Mother, the Aldeburgh foundation patron, has donated £400, a cream jug and sugar bowl.

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Margaret Clay dispels the notion of Liberal political inexperience

The town hall: nursery of power

The recent leak of an internal party document which said that Liberals are not prepared for government has put the national party on the defensive. It has allowed the media to take up the usual cry that Liberals have not held power for 60 years, and therefore could not possibly hope to govern.

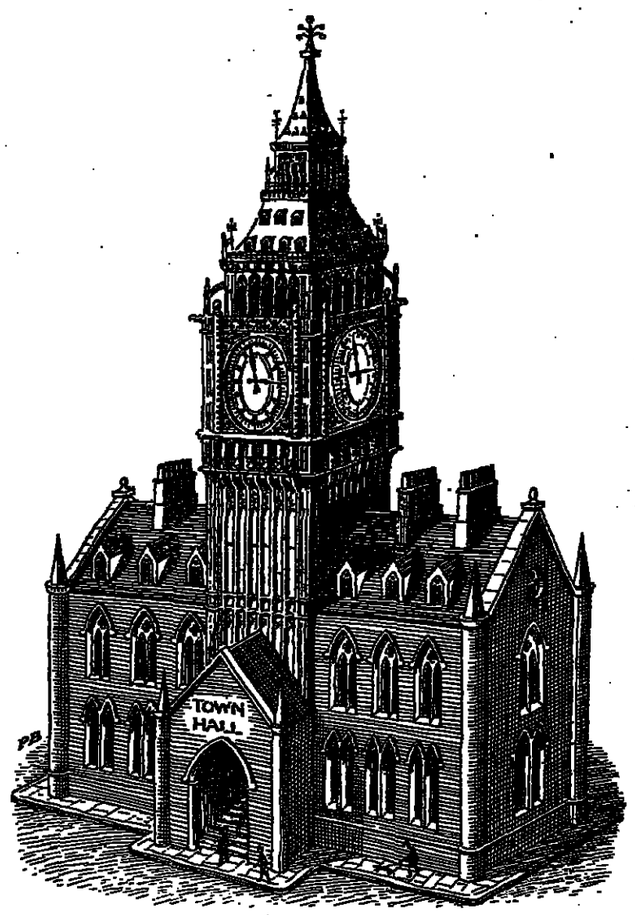
It is extraordinary that no one countered the argument by pointing to the experience Liberals have been building up in local government, and how relevant this is to taking power at Westminster.

The author of the document, William Wallace, had only asserted that it was time the Alliance put its full energies into preparing for government. This was a reasonable *statement to make in an internal* party document. No party, two years away from a general election, is ready to march into Whitehall and take over, certainly not the kind of party this country needs, alive and *responsive to the developing* political situation.

But even Wallace neglected the experience Liberals can bring to that preparation from local government. We have been building up considerable *expertise – experience directly* relevant to the problems an Alliance government is likely to face, including the one that preoccupies London-based politicians, that of trying to implement a reforming programme for which Whitehall mandarins may have little sympathy.

Liberal and, to a lesser extent, SDP councillors now either run or have an influence on about 55 councils, responsible for almost £9 billion expenditure each year. On councils where they have the balance of power Liberals have made sure that their infuence is used to the full, especially on expenditure and the budget. In many cases it has been the Liberals' budget that has been passed.

Liberals can no longer be regarded as woolly idealists dreaming up policies with no expectation of implementing them. Local government Liberals are a tough breed, accustomed to making difficult decisions and reaching hard-won compromises. They have developed the political skills necessary to get their policies implemented, even



when they do not command a majority.

At the Association of Liberal Councillors we find one of the most regular inquiries is about how to counteract delaying tactics from council officers and to ensure that Liberal policies are actually translated into action, or even, on occasion, how to "persuade" obstructive officers to move on or to take early retirement.

A great deal is made of Westminster conventions. Local councils, in fact, have a tighter set of conventions, yet Liberals have succeeded in challenging many of them. Prior to 1981, for example, it would have been unheard of for a council's budget and rate not to be agreed at a particular meeting on a particular day. Delay in fixing the rate was apparently not allowed. It is now accepted that the budget meeting may well be long, possibly reconvening on another day while compromises are hammered out. On many finely balanced councils this became the norm long before some Labour authorities adopted delaying tactics over rate-fixing.

On many councils where there is majority control by one party, information is restricted to the ruling party only, and often to committee chairmen alone. The chairman is often very powerful, deciding on the agenda. Committees often have an artificial majority from the ruling party.

Many councils where Liberals have the balance of power now make information available to all three parties. The role of the chairman is severely restricted and all party spokesmen are involved in pre-agenda briefings, with equal access to senior officers. Committees now often have membership in proportion to the different parties' strength on the council. If it is possible to bring about such changes at local level, why should it not happen at Westminster?

Because more Liberals have been taking office, often for the first time, in recent years, there has been a great deal of reflection on the process of taking power and on the tactics involved in negotiating with other parties. The importance of having a package of key policies, either for immediate implementation or as the basis of negotiations, has also become clear. We are therefore better prepared for what may happen under a hung parliament than the other two parties.

After this year's county elections, for example, when the election results for half the English counties were finely balanced, it was quite clear that the Labour and Tory parties had not equipped their local councillors to deal with the situation, because they are not facing up to the reality of three-party politics.

In local government Liberals have been developing the necessary political skills to cope with a Parliament where no one party has a majority. What is now needed is a dialogue between those with experience *in local government* and the national and parliamentary party so that those skills can be fully effective at Westminster.

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Michael Hamlyn on the mounting impatience with Pakistan's military regime

Why Zia keeps this woman barred from view

Islamabad

It is likely that Benazir Bhutto, eldest child and political heir of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the last prime minister of Pakistan, might herself be *prime minister, or president*, were she free to accept the acclaim of her countrymen.

At 31 the Oxford-educated Miss Bhutto is much the most popular and charismatic of Pakistan's politicians. But for the last four and a half years she has been either in exile, mainly in London, or under arrest, and she is not likely to be free in the foreseeable future. President Zia, who had her father hanged on a dubious murder charge soon after seizing power eight years ago, is unlikely to free her from house arrest, which she will have to endure until she chooses to go back into exile.

Miss Bhutto has no company except her servants in the high-walled, white-painted family home in the Karachi suburb of Clifton. When, six times a week, one or other of her relatives passes the 40 or so armed police outside to spend an hour with her, a policewoman sits and listens to each word of the conversation.

The talk therefore is not of politics but of her medical problems and family affairs. She has an ear condition which may need an operation, and she has not yet seen the doctor of her choice, although the authorities have sent their own specialists to examine her. She returned to Pakistan last month for the funeral of her younger brother, Mir Shahnawaz Bhutto. As she seemed to be gathering a large and potentially threatening group of supporters, Zia confined her to her home. Her 18-year-old cousin Laleh was asleep in the house at the time and startled the police when she appeared two days later.

Miss Bhutto is likely to go back into exile, either for treatment of her ear or when the 40 days of mourning for her brother are up. Her arrest showed up Zia's rule as harsh and intolerant and did him no good in the eyes of liberals everywhere. But that came as no surprise.

The Pakistan People's Party, *founded by her father, has been able* to do nothing to lighten her burden. The party is the principal limb of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD). Two years ago it ran a fierce but unsuccessful campaign of opposition to the Zia regime, including public meetings, which resulted in violence in the streets.

Now the MRD has no plans. It sounds fierce enough: "If the commitment to end martial law is not fulfilled, it is not only the People's Party, it is not only the



Benazir Bhutto: only the servants for company

MRD: the whole people of Pakistan will not tolerate martial law any longer."

Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, one of the richest feudal landlords of Sind province, is probably the most distinguished leader of the PPP. He was offered the prime ministership by General Zia but turned it down, despite being told that he and Zia together could rule for as long as they wanted.

"We have decided to take them at their word," he said, sipping tea from fine china in his Karachi home not far from Al-Murtaza, the Bhutto house. "We shall give them a chance to fulfil their pledge to lift martial law by the end of the year." Even today martial law regulations are being issued in the same manner as they were before the election." But there is nothing the MRD can do about it.

"The time is coming when there *will be trouble in Pakistan. The* martial law regime has been disastrous. It has shaken the country's foundations. We hear the cry now for confederation: for Azad-Baluchistan (free Baluchistan) and Sindhu-Desh (the Sind nation), whereas in the last democratic elections the Sindhu-Desh movement could not get one single seat in the provincial assembly and its founder came within a few votes of losing his deposit."

One gets an eerie impression from listening to some of the MRD leaders – not Jatoi in fact, for he always sounds weighty and sensible – that they live in a different world. Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, for example, addressing a group of rather bemused pressmen in Islamabad last week, declared: "We have not called off the struggle. For eight years we have fought against him. We shall continue the fight. Zia ul-Haq is on the way out."

The best hope for the future democracy of Pakistan lies with the *National Assembly, elected in* March this year. It is true, as the MRD leaders say, that Zia was rejected by the people of Pakistan in the referendum last December. So few people turned out to vote on a question about Islamicization policies that even they should have been *rejected*. But Zia decided that the result was a vote of confidence in himself and that it allowed him to continue in office for a further five years as an elected president.

But the assembly elections were a *different matter*. Despite the constraints on the electoral process – no political parties, no election meetings, no campaigning, the media in the grip of the government – the result was a triumphant expression of the Pakistanis' desire for a real chance to vote the rascals out. Minister after minister in Zia's tame cabinet failed to get elected.

The new assembly got the bit between its teeth from the start when it declined to accept Zia's nomination for Speaker and elected an inexperienced but influential independent, Syed Fakr Imam. The assemblymen have now gone a stage further by declining to accept as it stands the bill presented to them by Mohammad Khan Junejo, the man Zia appointed prime minister. The bill aims indemnify the martial law regime for its actions up to the time martial law is lifted and to continue the legal and constitutional changes introduced by Zia. It also endorses the result of the referendum which Zia said gave him elected power.

But the members of the assembly cannot push their protest too far. In the words of Mrs Abida Husain, wife of Syed Fakr Imam, and herself an elected MP: "The military establishment is not a friend of this assembly. The bureaucracy is not a friend of this assembly. The major political movements do not like us either".

However, the group of assembly members who support Junejo's government, the so-called Officials Parliamentary Group, have presented amendments to the indemnity bill which would go some way to restoring the balance of power between the prime minister and president.

On this the general is unlikely to yield. The reality of power in Pakistan is that it resides with the man with the gun. Zia, with his finger on the trigger, can still call the shots. "We have to realize that the army has a lot to give up," says Mrs Abida Husain. "Zia has to make them accept that while there is a future in government for him there is no future for them."

But Zia's own future is tied up with the success of his experiment with a controlled return to democracy. *If the assembly fails, so does* he. Then some other general will pick up the pistol.

Hard facts about black-brown 'solidarity'

The destruction wreaked in multi-racial Handsworth during last week's riots should have punctured a persistent myth about Britain's ethnic communities: that the Afro-Caribbeans and Asians are united in a common struggle against racism. For those Birmingham Asians, surveying the burnt-out shells of their livelihoods, laid waste at the hands of rioting West Indians, such a view will stick in the throat. But the myth, epitomized by the use of the term "black" to describe anyone from a Jamaican Rastafarian to a Bangladeshi Muslim, is supported by a formidable body of opinion. It includes well-meaning liberals, pressure groups, MPs, trade unionists and all manner of radical activists.

They believe the myth because of their vulnerability to the ideological boot boys of the race relations industry. The job of speaking on behalf of the ethnic communities has fallen into the hands of professional race-relations experts, self-appointed community leaders and activists. They can, and do, win arguments by pulling skin on whites ("I'm black, so I'm right").

Arguments become simplified; complexities dismissed. The more uncompromising the position, the greater the approbation. And what can be more uncompromising than the argument that Britain's ethnic communities are comrades-in-arms against the forces of racism? Racked by years of guilt, white liberals are incapable of being critical of ethnic groups for fear of being labelled "racist", and certainly not prepared to point out differences for fear of being accused of operating a neo-colonialist "divide and rule" policy.

Yet the notion of West Indian-Asian solidarity is based on an *inversion of historical truth*. Whenever the two communities have lived together, for example in Uganda, they have been locked in an antagonistic relationship. Asians have bitter memories of what Africans did to their homes and their families in Kenya (and, only recently, in Durban).

It's that memory that informs most East African Asians' real attitude to the Afro-Caribbeans. To suggest that they are in a common struggle against whites is absurd. Many, in East Africa, were middle class, entrepreneurial and highly skilled. The moment they arrived here they set about "making it". Their aspirations are simple and materialistic. They are petit bourgeois, a million miles from dispossessed young blacks.

In addition, Asian *cultural and* social values act against solidarity. It's no secret that Asians are highly colour conscious. We see black and white couples, sometimes a brown and white couple. But how often do we see a black and brown couple?

A national survey on Asian attitudes carried out last year for the Channel 4 programme *Eastern Eye* by the Harris Research Organisation backed this view. In response to a series of questions about attitudes to blacks, Asians consistently singled them out as the least desirable neighbours, employers, employees and those with the least respect for authority. Just as in white culture, there is an anti-black feeling among many Asians.

Finally, the experience of racism faced by the two communities is so different that it prevents joint action. Take attitudes towards the police. For many young blacks, police heavy-handedness has almost totally ruled out the possibility of co-operation. Asians, on the other hand, want the police to protect them and their property. The lack of protection at Handsworth was inexcusable. When one group wants the police to come more frequently into an area, and the other for the police to do the opposite, it is meaningless to talk of a joint struggle.

Samir Shah

The author was producer of Eastern Eye, *the Channel 4 programme for the Asian community.*

Ronald Butt

Lloyd George knew his followers

A party called Liberal begins with a certain advantage. It bestows on itself a description which offers no hostages to political foes. Who in everyday matters would claim to be illiberal in principles or pocket? In politics too, liberal values imply generosity of spirit and an attachment to liberty, free institutions and the individual's dignity. Few would disclaim respect for them.

In the 19th century, however, a Liberal Party was formed which made individual liberty its creed in a new sense. It was opposed not only to aristocratic privilege but also to patronage and paternalism of any sort. By freedom of the individual it meant freedom for each to make his own way forward as far as his talents would take him and without constraints imposed by class or origin.

Freedom of trade became its hallmark on the grounds that there was no better way of benefitting the poor than through the general increase in prosperity which would result from the avoidance of restrictions on enterprise, and from *the minimizing of taxation and* public spending. That was the moral justification of such Liberals as John Bright for their reluctance to see legislation to improve working conditions or provide for the poor.

In the eyes of many Liberals, however (including Bright), a thriving society freed from dependency also needed a widening but not universal franchise. It was the gradual creation of a popular vote on which both Liberals and Conservatives depended which increasingly stimulated the Liberals to social reform, laissez-faire doctrine notwithstanding.

Gradually, through the 19th century, the Liberal Party became more socially paternalistic as the doctrine of individualism yielded to the claims of a mass of individuals. The Asquith government could almost be described as social democratic.

Eventually, however, the Liberals were replaced by Labour. They became the repository of temporary protest votes, nursing nostalgic memories of the Asquithian high noon, and looking to such notions as industrial co-partnership to provide a happy mean between their socialist and capitalists rivals. Economically, they became an interventionist party. They are also egalitarians and redistributors in a sense that would have horrified their predecessors. But they have not given up the dogma of individual freedom. In company with many more outside their party they have turned it in an entirely new direction.

In the 1960s, the word liberal took on new significance and people self-described as liberal could as often be found outside the Liberal Party as in it. They proliferated in the media and in pressure groups, speaking a common language across party frontiers. What was called liberal opinion became the new left-inclined orthodoxy. It embraced a wide spectrum from the conventional libertarian to the Trotskyite; indeed, the two were not always easily distinguishable from their modes of expression.

The essence of the new liberalism was permissiveness in one strictly limited social area coupled with the exaction of strict obedience to new *norms prescribed by the liberal* orthodoxy in another. In some matters, a charter of individual licence was granted which unleashed an unprecedented attack on old commonly held standards of personal behaviour and responsibility. Thus restraints on the publication of vile and violent obscene material which commonsense indicated was bound to condition behaviour were dismantled. The argument was that it would only produce boredom: in fact, it created a growth industry and has been a cause of increased sexual violence, and depravity.

Likewise, the divorce law was liberalized, and the number of broken homes multiplied. A law was also brought in which in effect *legalized convenience* abortions, and not inappropriately it was sponsored by the present Liberal leader, Mr Steel, into whose hands it was placed when he first entered Parliament as a young backbencher. Since then, there have been *over 2 million* abortions.

Yet while everyone was encouraged to do as he pleased in so-called private matters, a rigid conformity was demanded elsewhere. Thus in *blatant contempt* for public opinion, a fervent and unscrupulous campaign was successfully fought against any attempt to limit immigration at a point where it could be absorbed without social tensions, on the grounds that to do so would be racist. Statistics were analysed to show that there would be no real problem, and it soon became more than a political reputation was worth to question the orthodoxy.

Such problems as there were could be dealt with by order. Race relations legislation exists to impose solutions just as equal opportunities legislation exists to bring the sexes to equality. As the case of Mr Honeyford shows, this side of liberalism requires the suppression of freedom as well as bureaucracy. And the social tensions become more frightening.

All this, of course, goes much wider than the Liberal Party. Labour was, and is, in the thick of it. Mr Roy Jenkins and Mrs Shirley Williams have been apostles of this kind of liberalism in their old and new parties. Very many individual Liberals, moreover, have had no sympathy for excesses of permissive liberalism.

Yet the Liberal Party does have a special relationship with the frame of thought I have described. It is obsessed by minority rights and *contemptuous of majority opinions*. In this it parts company with its great 19th-century predecessor. The party of Bright, Gladstone, Asquith and Lloyd George, whatever its doctrines, acted in tune with *popular, moral and religious opinion* of the time. It did not fly in its face.

It remains to be seen whether the present Liberal Party can bring itself to respond in the same way to popular opinion, recognizing that a stable society is more than a congeries of minorities demanding their rights: it is a community held together by shared values and common basic standards. In the end, these assert themselves, which is why there has been the start of a reaction against the minority-induced liberal orthodoxy of the 1960s and '70s. I wonder if the Liberal Party has grasped the fact that it cannot get power by engineering the *people to hold its opinions; it will* have to respond to theirs.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Fill in your own blank here

My friend Barlow and I were in a *train going from Harrogate to* London the other day, not to mention our mutual friends Pete and Al. Boredom set in long before we got to York, and Barlow was reduced to reading an abandoned copy of the *Mirror*. Then a cry broke from him like the sun coming out from behind a cloud.

"They've got a weekend quiz in the *Mirror*," he revealed. "Let's do it." We assented.

"Furthermore, let me be the quizmaster."

We assented. It's hard to wrench away a newspaper from someone who really wants to read out quiz questions. Barlow skipped across the aisle and sat at the facing table, no doubt to prevent people reading the questions over his shoulder and thus revealing himself to be a man who would read questions over other people's shoulders without the slightest hesitation. We settled down for the first question.

"What are the blank blank blank blank better known as?" he said.

This was like no quiz question I had ever heard before.

"What are the blanks?" I said. "We can't answer the question without knowing the blanks. Does it say blank blank blank blank in the *Mirror*?"

"No, it doesn't," said my friend Barlow. "But if I filled them in, the question would be too easy."

"Haven't you ever done a quiz with Barlow as quizmaster before?" said Al.

I racked my memory. No, I had luckily got through life so far without that happening to me.

"That's because you don't come to our Friday sessions," said Al. "On Friday nights me and Pete and Barlow all end up in a pub in Shepherd Market where a Salvation Army woman comes round selling *War Cry*. *War Cry* has the easiest quiz in the world, probably so that meths addicts can get through it. They have questions like 'What battle was fought in 1066?'. So to make it harder, Barlow puts in blanks."

"So that question would be 'What battle was fought in the year blank?' " I said.

"Too easy," said Barlow. "What blank was fought in the year blank? *would be better.*"

"Hastings," said Al.

"See?" said Barlow. "Now, what are blank blank blank blank better known as?"

This defeated even Pete and Al. They begged *him for the initial* letters of the blanks.

"All right. What are L.C.C.C. better known as?"

"The Old Bailey," said Al promptly. "London's Central Criminal Courts."

"Very good," said Barlow. "Who was the first man to blank the blank?"

"Captain Webb," said Pete, waking up.

"Good." Pete went back to sleep. "Who was the first man to be blanked by a blank?"

"Huskisson," said Al.

And so it went on. It made Trivial Pursuits look like noughts and crosses. It also left me totally baffled and excluded.

"What are the young of the blank known as?"

"Sardines?"

"Elvers?" said Pete in his sleep.

"Right."

I looked out of the window. God. only Grantham.

At last the quiz was over. I thought sanity would return. I was wrong.

"All right," said Al. "Here's the beginning of a famous tune. What is it?" He opened his mouth and sang one note. *One* note.

"You can't guess a tune from one note," I said. "It could be anything."

"Yes, you can," said Al. "We often do, on Friday nights, when we've done the *War Cry* quiz. If you sing the note properly."

"Take the A Train," said Barlow.

"Correct," said Al.

I gave a low cry and fled into the next carriage. If anyone wants a source of new TV quiz games, harder than *Mastermind*, they only have to contact me: I can put them in touch with three lunatics who think of them the whole time. They are also the only three people in the world who can play them.

"Wake up," said my friend Barlow, shaking me. "We've arrived at blank blank. Time to blank."

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THE ROYAL PREROGATIVE

From Magna Carta to the present day the independent personal powers of the monarch have been gradually ceded to ministers acting in Parliament, until there remain only a few specific prerogative powers left. Of these, the two most important are the selection of Prime Minister in circumstances where there is no obvious candidate at the head of a clear majority party in Parliament, and the power to dissolve Parliament itself.

When Bagehot wrote about the British monarchy 100 years ago he described it as being the "dignified" part of the constitution, with Parliament and ministers as the "efficient" part. He said that the sovereign had three rights: to be consulted, to encourage and to warn. To that should be added a fourth right, which nowadays cannot be taken for granted: the right to know.

These rights carry a major responsibility: to keep the Queen's Government functioning. The Queen's business must go on since though politicians, coalitions and parliamentary muddles may come and go, the monarchy is the one constant factor in British politics. It is the Sovereign, commissioning ministers and acting on their advice, who more continuously represents all the people in that tangle of institutions which comprise the British constitution.

The important point about the monarchy, therefore, is that – *pace* Bagehot – it still has a highly "efficient" though sensitive role to play in resolving critical constitutional periods such as a hung Parliament. Britain has had several hung Parliaments in the twentieth century and the monarchy in the Commonwealth also contributes much case law to the exercise of the prerogative in such circumstances. The Palace operates as much as possible on the basis of precedent, but it recognizes that each episode is likely to have some individual characteristic about it not covered by previous convention.

Dr Owen and Mr David Steel, however, seem to be crying "fire" about an eventuality which is perfectly familiar to constitutional specialists and has occurred frequently and recently enough in Britain for the Palace to be quite confident of the procedures which will be followed, without the need to be prompted by Alliance leaders pushing this point in their own party interest. Mr Steel admitted as much yesterday when he said that part of his purpose was to avoid a last minute pre-election scare about a vote for the Alliance producing no clear majority. In addition to that, of course, the Alliance in the meantime can hope to raise this issue persistently enough to persuade everybody to regard the eventuality – the swell of Alliance seats in Parliament – as though it has already occurred simply on the basis of opinion polls which, as the last Parliament showed, tend to diminish as the General Election approaches.

The false impression given by the Alliance leaders is that the Queen, if faced with a majority-less Parliament, should start shopping around for a coalition. That would be unnecessary and unnecessarily hazardous. Precedents suggest a much clearer course.

If the election result produced no clear majority but with Mrs Thatcher leading the party with most seats, she would be free to remain Prime Minister and present her programme of legislation to Parliament after an official opening with a Queen's speech. If the Conservatives were then defeated after the debate on its programme Mrs Thatcher would have two options, to resign or to request a dissolution. If she had been defeated by a cohesive coalition of opposition groups intending to act thereafter as a government, she would be likely to resign since an alternative government commanding a Commons majority would clearly exist. If, on the other hand, the Conservatives were only defeated by an aggregate of opposition votes with no other sign of constructive coalescence, Mrs Thatcher would be entitled to request a dissolution and the Queen would be prudent to grant it.

In those circumstances it would be essential for the monarch to avoid refusing a dissolution to the major party if it appeared likely that, at the end of a line of similar parliamentary defeats to each lesser grouping taking its turn at an attempt to carry a vote on its programme, the sovereign found herself having to grant a dissolution to a minor party after refusing it to a major one.

If the Conservatives were returned as the second largest party, with no obvious means to acquire a working majority with the support, say, of the Ulster Unionists, Mrs Thatcher would be expected to resign immediately after the election before facing Parliament. The monarch would then send for Mr Kinnock, assuming he led the largest group. Once again the consequence of his defeat through a vote of no confidence in his programme would present the same options as before: to resign or to request a dissolution.

If his defeat had been engineered by a new coalition of parliamentary forces, including the Alliance and enough breakaway Tories to form a government, he would be refused a dissolution because that House of Commons would have clearly produced a majority to carry on the Queen's business. But if his defeat, as in the previous example, had been achieved only by the aggregate of unorganized parliamentary groups against him, the Queen would be prudent to grant his request for a dissolution.

No Prime Minister is entitled to an automatic dissolution, least of all one who does not command a parliamentary majority. Nevertheless no request for a dissolution has actually been refused by the monarch this century though in the first two months of Mr Harold Wilson's 1974 minority Government, the Palace made it clear to the Prime Minister that such a request, which he was being pressed by his Cabinet to submit for a May election, would seriously embarrass the Queen. The Prime Minister was able to surmise that an October dissolution, after the passage of a budget, would be granted.

It is clear therefore that, so long as the Liberals and the SDP together formed only the third largest group in the Commons, they would have to take their place in the queue of this procedure. They would only get a chance to form a minority government and face the possibility of parliamentary defeat if neither of the two preceding party leaders had sought a dissolution, or if the Alliance had managed to form a cohesive parliamentary majority with the addition of Labour or Tory breakaways in the two previous votes.

In his interview yesterday with Sir Robin Day Mr Steel appeared to recognize all these principles and procedures. Nevertheless, in his speech the day before he sought to impose several new principles which were desiged to accommodate his narrow party interest, such as the principle that no party leader should accept more than a conditional commission from the Queen to see whether or not he or she could form a government, and that no request for a dissolution should be made "until the possibilities of negotiation for majority have been exhausted".

He had also claimed that the purpose of this exercise was to avoid putting on the shoulders of the monarch "the strain of picking up the pieces behind a pack of politicians determined to pursue party advantage". It appears more likely that the Alliance purpose in dragging the Queen into this argument is expressly to pursue its own party advantage. The Queen is fully aware of the principles and precedents affecting the exercise of her prerogative in these circumstances. The possibility of a hung Parliament was studied comprehensively before the last election, since when nothing has changed. If the Alliance leaders really want to protect the monarch from unnecessary involvement in the party dog-fight they would serve her better by keeping her name out of an inter-party argument which is anyway based on a distant hypothesis. It has already been fully explored by the Palace, the Queen's advisers and senior politicians, who recognize that the exercise of the prerogative can never be fully codified, but that there is no more suitable person to carry out these functions than the Queen.

PTARMIGAN CALLING

The United States is reportedly about to announce that France has beaten Britain to the £3 billion US army contract for a battlefield communications system. Rita not Ptarmigan is the bird that catches the worm, according to what sounds like a carefully controlled rumour from the banks of the Potomac: The Pentagon, it must be assumed, is preparing Whitehall for a shock – which has been, it is true, only half unexpected.

Rita (French) and Ptarmigan (British) are battlefield trunk dialling systems which will endow armies with the range of facilities more usually enjoyed by a City executive at his office desk. Directed by computer, they are to the field telephone of the Second World War what the Tornado is to the Spitfire. Technologically they are probably in advance of anything comparable – neither superpower can match them – and represent something of an achievement for Old World electronics.

Rita has two advantages over Ptarmigan – which has been produced by Plessey. One is that it has been in service for about two years longer than the British system and has therefore been better tested and proven. The other, more important, is that it is cheaper. How far its relative cheapness is due to heavy French government subsidising is by the way. To a Congressman in Washington the US army would have to explain the reason why, if it chose the dearer option.

On the other hand Ptarmigan is technically more advanced, with superior data handling facilities. The difference is probably not all that great – but on the modern battlefield where reaction time is limited, an army of the size and importance of the American, should expect to have nothing but the best. Balanced against the selling points of the French system, it means at least that there is little to choose between them.

But few contracts of this size and moment are determined by technical factors alone. Particularly in those cases where the technical arguments are balanced, political considerations play an increasingly important role. That is why Mrs Thatcher wrote unblushingly to President Reagan at the end of last month to remind him of the special claims which Britain can make on American goodwill and patronage. And this is why, if the Pentagon has given its judgement to Paris, it has made a mistake.

As the Prime Minister reminded President Reagan in her letter this Government has been a loyal supporter of his Strategic Defence Initiative when this has attracted few friends. Despite British reservations which have been expressed publicly and privately, Downing Street has continued to give the White House the moral and political backing which it has sought among the allies.

By contrast, not only have the French opposed its SDI but President Mitterrand has made clear that he will not mind expanding on his views to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov when he has talks with the Soviet leader early next month in Paris. Nor is it likely that the award of the lucrative army contract to France will influence opinion at the Elysée. Not for the first time – and not for the last – France has made no secret of its determination to be independent of Washington.

If the competing systems were so very different that the Americans had little choice in the matter, then Britain could have no complaint. But when they are so evenly matched, with the British held to be the technically superior, the Government might justifiably feel aggrieved at seeing such an important decision go the wrong way.

Closing with nature

From Mr Jonathan Cheal

Sir, May I respond to your third leader, "Closing with nature" (September 9)? The Country Landowners Association welcomes responsible public use of rights of way and urges its membership to obey the law by doing nothing to obstruct them.

Our proposals for law reform to make large-scale wilful trespass a criminal offence are made in the hope of securing protection for landowners against invasions by members of the "peace" convoy and the like: we emphasize that such an offence would only be constituted if the trespass were wilful or without reasonable excuse.

A party of walkers who innocently stray from a footpath, whether by mistake or in order to by-pass an obstruction, would presumably be able to show reasonable excuse. It is thus hard to agree with your assertion that the Ramblers Association is justified in its concern "that such a law could easily be trained on walkers". However, if ramblers deliberately set out to break the law, they must take the consequences.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN CHEAL,
Legal Adviser,
Country Landowners Association,
16 Belgrave Square, SW1.
September 9.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Break-up of health laboratory service

From Dr J. M. Grange

Sir, As a consultant clinical microbiologist I am deeply dismayed by your report (September 16) that the Government has ignored warnings by two greatly respected colleagues, Professor Ian Phillips and Dr Robert Blowers, on the very grave consequences of the planned break-up of the Public Health Laboratory Service (PHLS).

It is well known that the defence of the body against infection by a virulent micro-organism depends on the prompt recognition of that organism by the so-called "helper cells" of the immune system and the subsequent induction, by these cells, of an effective immune response.

Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), defined by Dr John Seale as "the molecular biological equivalent of nuclear war against man", is such a horrific disease because the virus directly attacks those very same helper cells. As a consequence the patient is open to attack by a wide range of microbes that are readily recognised and eliminated by the healthy immune system.

By their role in promptly detecting the beginnings of epidemics and in initiating the correct protective public health measures, the regional laboratories of the PHLS are, by analogy, the "helper cells" in the nation's defences against epidemic infections.

We can hope and pray, therefore, that the proposed break-up of the PHLS does not have a catastrophic effect on the health of the nation as infection by the Aids virus has on the health of its victim.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. GRANGE,
(Head of the Department of Microbiology),
Cardiothoracic Institute,
University of London,
Fulham Road, SW3.
September 16.

From Dr Robert Blowers and Professor Ian Phillips

Sir, We are glad that you have (report, September 16) made known our opposition to the destructive proposals in the Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) review of the Public Health Laboratory Service. We do, however, feel obliged to remark on the implication that efforts were made to suppress our views.

It is true that the DHSS refused to include our comments as an addendum to the review team's report, despite the fact that we were the team's appointed professional advisers. But, in fairness, we must say that we were given freedom, and indeed help, to distribute our detailed comments as we wished. We have therefore made them available to many of the recipients of the DHSS report and are gratified that most of them share our concern at the review team's main proposal.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BLOWERS,
IAN PHILLIPS,
Withy Brook, Shepherd Hill,
Swainby, Northallerton,
North Yorkshire.

Attitudes to taxation

From Mr Arthur Seldon

Sir, Ian Bradley (feature, September 11) surprisingly follows the familiar fallacy of supposing that opinion polls that elicit generalised opinion can show that a majority prefer higher taxes to a lessening of State supply of welfare.

The first-year student of economics is taught (many forget) that there is no such thing as demand without price. At a lower price people will want more, at a higher price less.

The opinion polls do not tell the sample questioned the price of the service. To talk of "higher (or lower) taxes" and "less (or more) welfare" is uninformative and question-begging. It does not tell them *how much* higher or lower. And without that information about the tax cost to each individual of each State welfare service, the replies represent only a vague sentiment that "welfare" is "a good thing". Neither do the opinion polls indicate the cost of *alternative* welfare services that people could buy with their taxes in the market. I would say the results of the opinion polls are valueless for the formation of policy.

No shopper would say he/she wanted more (or higher quality of) bread or shoes or armchairs or *motor cars without knowing the* individual price. No one makes a decision about how much to buy by knowing only the *total* quantity available for a *total* expenditure. The preoccupation of economists since Keynes with macro-totals has confused two generations of consumers and politicians, preachers and journalists, by distracting them from, or suppressing, micro-prices.

For 15 years, from 1963-78, Ralph Harris and I at the Institute of Economic Affairs tried to devise means of escape from this paralysis of thought. I devised a method of asking a sample if they would buy State or private welfare services (mainly education and medicine) with knowledge of the comparative tax cost of State services and the market price of private education (fees) and medicine (insurance premiums). The findings were that preferences moved *away* from State services to private services.

If our findings are doubted, let government conduct its own researches with larger samples and more refined questionnaires or, better still, by returning taxes and witnessing how the people in real life spend them – on State schools and the NHS or on private schools and private medical services. There is no doubt in my view of the outcome.

State education and the NHS maintain themselves only by locking in their taxpayer-consumers so that they cannot escape. The only test of whether the British prefer higher/lower taxes or more/less State welfare is to let them choose in the market.

Yours etc,
ARTHUR SELDON,
The Institute of Economic Affairs,
2 Lord North Street, SW1.
September 11.

Handsworth disorders

From Professor David M. Smith

Sir, Louis Heren (September 14) is right in asserting that relative deprivation on the scale existing in Handsworth does not "explain" the recent riots. However, the fact is that such riots as have occurred in Britain in recent years have been in economically and socially deprived inner-city areas, not in places like Hampstead.

The same was true of the American city in the 1960s, as Mr Heren will recall from his years in Washington. Repeated observations suggest that relatively high levels of deprivation are a *necessary* local condition for urban disorders, but not *sufficient* to account for specific instances. Thus the time bomb evoked by Martin Fletcher's report (September 12) is an inappropriate analogy as it implies inevitability. It is more the case of a powder keg in a number of inner-city areas, any one of which might have been sparked off by events which would not have produced riots in Hampstead.

Those who have expressed surprise that Handsworth should erupt after so much public money had been spent there might reflect on Louis Heren's own comments on the Watts riot in Los Angeles (*No Hail, No Farewell*, 1970):

There was unemployment and injustice in Watts, but generally speaking its inhabitants enjoyed a much higher standard of living than most black slum dwellers . . . the killings seemed to suggest that material improvement was not the only answer to the growing racial antagonisms.

A satisfactory explanation of the Handsworth disorders requires consideration not only of local conditions and the events that precipitated the riot, but also of the broader structural features of a society which denies some people in some places the means of satisfying basic human needs.

Such understanding might be advanced by a modest increase in resources devoted to social science research in Britain. Or does the Government prefer the less incisive speculation of politicians, policemen and journalists? The response of the new Home Secretary is hardly encouraging.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID M. SMITH,
Queen Mary College,
University of London,
Mile End Road, E1.
September 16.

From Mr J. Enoch Powell, MP for Down South (OUP)

Sir, Mr Marrian asks (September 16): "Did [Enoch Powell] also foresee that two members of the community would die protecting their Queen's property?".

Yes. Birmingham, April 20, 1968 ("River Tiber" speech):

There are among the Commonwealth immigrants many thousands whose wish and purpose is to be integrated and whose every thought and endeavour is bent in that direction.

I continued:

But to imagine that such a thing enters the heads of a great and growing majority of immigrants and their descendants is a ludicrous misconception, and a dangerous one to boot.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
J. ENOCH POWELL,
House of Commons.
September 17.

Sculpture moves east

From Sir Hugh Overton

Sir, I was sad to see your picture and report (September 12) of Henry Moore's great sculpture being removed from Snape. It looked splendid there, alone against the wide marshland and broad sky of East Anglia. May it be shown to equal advantage in Hong Kong and Japan.

The sculpture was a well-known and much loved feature of the Maltings cultural centre. It was seen not only by concertgoers but also by hundreds of thousands of visitors to the centre, and was a major tourist attraction.

I hope, therefore, that the trustees of the Henry Moore Foundation will consider another loan, so that the same sculpture, or another large work by Henry Moore, may be installed again at Snape in due course. It could not find a better home.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH OVERTON,
30 North End House,
Fitzjames Avenue, W14.
September 13.

Prayer Book usage

From Mr C. H. Sisson

Sir, The Bishop of Oxford's position (September 13) is impeccable and it is a pity that he should incidentally give further currency to a misunderstanding which has bedevilled the whole Prayer Book controversy – that there are those who believe "that one can worship God only in the language of another century."

That has never been an issue. There are, however, apparently people who believe that prayers in older language are inadequate and should be superseded – a much more debateable proposition and, as some of us think, a false and misleading one.

Only when this point comes into the open can the relative merits of the Prayer Book and the ASB be considered.

Yours etc,
C. H. SISSON,
Moorfield Cottage,
The Hill,
Langport,
Somerset.
September 13.

Firm management of the Broads

From Lord Onslow

Sir, Those correspondents who have followed Sir Peter Scott (September 3) in your columns on the Broads have queried why the Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners should lose control over the majority of the navigation on the Broads. The answer simply is that the Broads are too important not to be managed as a whole. The offer to the Port and Haven Commissioners is that they should run the navigation as agents of the new Broads Authority. Surely this is a fair compromise, a reasonable sop to history, and a gentle enough balm for bruised civic egos?

It is devoutly to be hoped that the Anglian Water Authority will take their water quality duties more seriously than they have in the past. For instance, at Horsey Mere they have, by deep draining, changed previously clear water to a turgid red soup. It is furthermore to be hoped that they will seriously introduce a phosphate-removing system, which will be at little cost to themselves.

The fact is that different authorities, over the same catchment area, present too many complications and set very difficult precedents for other water authorities.

The lack of water quality control by the new Broads Authority is no reason at all for no control of navigation. That one should follow the other is like saying that because a terraced householder is obliged under covenant to paint the outside of his house at the same time and in the same manner as his neighbour, he must therefore also copy his dining room furniture.

The new Broads Authority is a vital necessity for Broads revival. The Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners must not have the power to hold up this renewal out of a false sense of pride or inability to accept change.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
ONSLOW,
House of Lords.
September 19.

From Dr E. A. Ellis

Sir, As a founder member of the Broads Society and author of the definitive *New Naturalist* volume on this unique area (1965) it appears to me vital that all concerned should support the effort now being made to set up a single corporate authority to cope with the problems arising from the multiplicity of interests affecting the waterways and marshlands which have so long given delight to people of all persuasions in a setting rich in the wonders of nature.

Over the years I have taken part in no fewer than three lengthy inquiries as to the practicability of assigning national park status to the Broads and on each occasion the navigation authority operating in the area has been firmly reluctant to relinquish any of its powers.

I see no reason why it should not accept a continuance of what are in many ways excellent services it now provides, by delegation as is envisaged in the Bill now before Parliament. I therefore fully support the appeal made by Sir Peter Scott and others in their letter published in your columns on September 3.

Yours,
E. A. ELLIS,
Wheatfen Broad,
Surlingham,
Norfolk.
September 6.

'Tax on morality'

From Mr Michael Portillo, MP for Enfield Southgate (Conservative)

Sir, Miss Eleanor Wallis (August 28) does less than justice to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's proposals to reform the taxation of married couples. As I understand the Chancellor's proposals, they will address directly the two problems which Miss Wallis suggests are ignored.

On the question of privacy, husbands and wives would each be taxed separately on their own income, and any transfer of allowances would be entirely voluntary. Each of the partners would have exactly the same rights to privacy and independence.

Also, because a husband and wife would pay tax separately, rather than on the total amount of their combined income as happens now, it is difficult to see how there could be a "tax on morality". Indeed, the opportunity to transfer allowances at times when either husband or wife has little or no income would mean that many married couples would pay less than if they were living together but were not married.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PORTILLO,
House of Commons.
August 29.

Fearful noises

From Mrs Marianne Oliver

Sir, I have the misfortune to live in a Kentish village whose skies are often rent by the mind-blowing screams of military jets taking exercise. On several recent occasions my two-year-old son has been rigid with fear, caused by the breathtaking noise and the reasonable conviction that the approaching jet would hit him.

It is impossible for a small child – or any other logical human being – to understand why he must be terrified in order to be safe.

Yours faithfully,
MARIANNE OLIVER,
Penlan Farm,
New House Lane,
Pluckley,
Ashford,
Kent.
September 13.

Whistle stop

From Mr Roger Stiles

Sir, Yes: I was asked to stop whistling by the beadle in the Burlington Arcade the other day (letter, September 10). I whistle for a reason.

As a farmer, I often approach men who are concentrating and working alone. After causing several people to jump, due to my unexpected presence, I realized that it is kinder to whistle – "Colonel Bogey" for brisk progress, "Dead March" for slow, "Congratulations" for good yield, and so on.

The farm manager had his Land-Rover brakes adjusted to squeak, for the same reason.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER STILES,
Field Place,
Dunsfold,
Godalming,
Surrey.
September 7.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 19 1849

Cholera first struck Britain in 1831. During the outbreak in 1849 deaths in London, week ending September 15 totalled 3,183. In 1848-49 53,293 people died of cholera in England and Wales.

[CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.]

ST PANCRAS.

Yesterday a numerous meeting of the board of directors and guardians of the poor of St. Pancras took place at the New Vestry rooms, King's-road, Camden-town, for the purpose of receiving an order from the Board relative to the progress of cholera, and also of hearing Mr. Liddle, who had been deputed by the Board of Health to wait upon them and know their determination of the subject. The order of the Board of Health enjoined a system of house to house visitation by four duly qualified medical men, who should carry medicines with them to administer on the spot to all persons found labouring under diarrhœa, or other premonitory symptoms of cholera. Mr. Liddle in strong terms urged the necessity of compliance with the order of the Board of Health, and showed the advantages which had resulted from the plan of action therein enjoined. Mr. Stockton considered that there was no necessity whatever for adopting the system of house to house visitation. The general health of the parish was excellent; and with regard to cholera, the board had already taken every necessary precaution in the appointment of four additional medical practitioners to assist the medical staff, at the head of which was Dr. Calvert, a medical inspector appointed by the Board of Health themselves. As to the system of house to house visitation, he pronounced it to be a perfect farce, and calculated rather to produce than check the progress of cholera. It would tend to create fear and alarm in the minds of the inhabitants, and he would ask Mr. Liddle whether these were not likely to bring on attacks of the disease. Mr. Liddle admitted that fear would operate in the way described, but it was the opinion of the Board of Health that the system of house to house visitation was calculated to produce confidence, and not fear. . . .

BIRMINGHAM.

In consequence of a case of cholera having occurred in this town on Friday night, Mr. Corder, the clerk to the board of guardians, in accordance with his general instructions to that effect, convened a special meeting of the sanitary committee early on Saturday morning. The members promptly responded to the call. . . . Mr. Sproston, the district medical-officer, and Dr. Evans the physician called in on the occasion, likewise both attended the meeting. From their reports it appeared that Mary Manning, a poor widow, with two young children, residing at No. 7 house, in No. 10 court, London Prentice Street, had been attacked the previous night with cholera, and that every possible assistance, medical and otherwise had been rendered her through the night, but that the disease had not given way to medical treatment. The committee immediately passed a resolution requesting Mr. Sproston to devote, if possible, his whole attention to the case, and Dr. Evans was requested to continue unremittingly his advice and assistance. Warm clothing, fuel, bedding, brandy, beef-tea, and other stimulants were forthwith forwarded to the abode of the poor woman, and two active nurses and a messenger were also sent, the latter to be ready to fetch anything that the medical attendants might deem requisite or advisable. Notwithstanding all these remedial and palliative measures the poor woman only survived till a little before 6 o'clock in the evening, when she sank under the disease. . . . The committee have also, we believe, ordered that the house in which the poor woman died shall be thoroughly cleansed and fumigated, and that the owners or occupiers of all houses in London Prentice-street who shall neglect or refuse to whitewash their premises, as required by the committee, shall be forthwith proceeded against under the provisions of the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, and the clerk *pro tem.* to the guardians has received instructions to institute, if requisite, such proceedings accordingly. The committee have likewise appropriated some houses in Lichfield-street, belonging to the parish as houses of refuge, in which the occupiers of habitations in which cholera may appear may instantly be accommodated. All communication between these houses and the workhouse has been cut off by means of a brick wall. . . .

WALKER, NEAR NEWCASTLE.

Cholera broke out here and adjoining places about three weeks ago, and up to this date (Sept. 15) there have been 91 cases, 34 of which terminated fatally. The disease made its appearance first at Low Walker, where it raged with great virulence, especially at two places generally known by the names of Scotch-row and Battle-hill. In these two rows of houses, which may compete with most houses for filth and dirt, 25 fatal cases occurred. A local sanitary board was established, through the influence of which much good has been done and many lives saved. Many of the nuisances, which of themselves were sufficient to produce a pestilence, were removed, but unfortunately not till after a considerable number of deaths had taken place. . . .

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BALMORAL CASTLE
September 18: By command of The Queen, the Lord Somerleyton (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon for Denmark and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness on behalf of Majesty.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 18: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon visited The Peper Harow Community, a member of The Peper Harow Foundation.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey (the Lord Hamilton of Dalzell) and the Chairman, Peper Harow Trust (Mr G. Godfrey-Isaacs).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended a Banquet of the Mental Health Foundation at Hampton Court Palace.

Her Royal Highness was received by the President of the Foundation (the Lord Elwyn-Jones).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Andrew Feilden, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to visit Denmark and Sweden.

Her Royal Highness was received at the Airport by His Excellency Mr Leif Leifland (Ambassador of Sweden), Mr Knud-Arne Eliasen (representing the Ambassador of Denmark), Sir Edwin Arrowsmith (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mr Alan Proctor (Deputy Director, Terminals, British Airports Authority).

Mrs Elizabeth Blair, Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick and Group Captain Jeremy Jones were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 18: The Duke of Gloucester today visited F W McConnel Limited on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary in Ludlow, Shropshire.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 18: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited the International Machine Tools Exhibition in Hanover, West Germany.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Blount.

The Duchess of Kent today visited the Royal Navy's Submarine, HMS Turbulent, at Millbay Docks, Plymouth.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Sarah Partridge.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 18: Princess Alexandra, attended by Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard, arrived at Gatwick Airport, London this morning from Minnesota, United States of America.

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, president, Youth Business Initiative, will attend a ceremony at the National Westminster Tower, Old Broad Street, on October 3, to mark the award of the 1,000th bursary to young people to start their own businesses.

The Princess of Wales will visit St Giles Hospital Drug Dependency Clinic on October 8.

Princess Anne will visit Arbroath, Angus, on November 5.

Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will not now visit Anglian Windows in Norwich on October 23.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Arthur Brett & Sons, Norwich, on October 25, not Friday, October 23, as previously stated.

Prince Michael of Kent, president of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, will attend speech day at the Royal Naval School, Haslemere, on October 11.

Princess Michael of Kent will visit the annual exhibition of the Royal Society of Oil Painters at The Mall Galleries on October 15.

Princess Michael of Kent, patron, will attend the British Digestive Foundation cocktail party on October 17.

Prince Michael of Kent will attend a service of thanksgiving and celebration in Llandaff Cathedral, followed by a concert in Cardiff to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of King George's Jubilee Trust on October 18.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception given by the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen at St James's Palace on October 29.

Latest appointments



Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, FRS, Master of Churchill College, Cambridge, to be President of the Hydrographic Society, in succession to Rear-Admiral J. C. Kreffer.

Mr John Wright has succeeded Mr John Stubbs as head of information at the Cabinet Office.

Sir Jeffrey Sterling, Chairman of P&O, to be special adviser to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on industrial and financial affairs. The appointment is part-time and unpaid and Sir Jeffrey will continue as executive chairman of P&O.

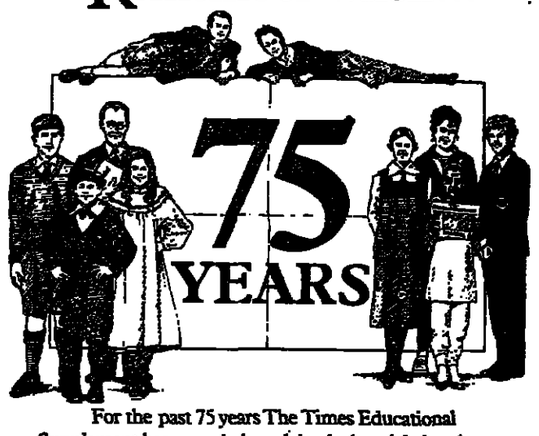
Mr John Whittingdale to be a special adviser at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Philip J. Cox, Q.C. to be Chairman of the General Optical Council.

Mr Paul Twyman to be the director of a new combined enterprise and deregulation unit in the Department of Employment.

Mr Robin Lingard to head a new combined small firms and tourism division at the Department of Employment.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. P. Aylward and Miss E. B. M. van der Eb
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs P. G. Aylward, of Southampton, Hampshire, and Monica, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. J. van der Eb, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr N. J. S. Bowie and Miss S. Beagley
The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of Mr and Mrs R. S. Bowie, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W. Beagley, of Northfleet, Kent.

Mr J. H. Bradon and Miss J. E. Bowtell
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. Bradon, of Great Crosby, Liverpool, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. L. Bowtell, of Romsey, Hampshire.

Mr K. L Gear and Miss J. A. Heslop
The engagement is announced between Kevin (Ted), only son of Mr and Mrs C. A. Gear, of Sturdham, Bedfordshire, and Judy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Heslop, of Riding Mill, Northumberland.

Mr G. J. Lambert and Miss S. E. Robson
The engagement is announced between Guy James, only son of Mr and Mrs G. H. H. Lambert, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Susan Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. G. Robson, of Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr J. C. Leeming and Miss C. E. K. Gillan
The engagement is announced between John Coates Leeming, of Epsom, Surrey, and Cheryl Elise, only daughter of the late Major Adam Mitchell Gillan and of Mrs Mona Gillan, of Curbar, Derbyshire.

Dr P. Pozzilli and Dr R. Buzzetti
The engagement is announced between Paolo, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. Pozzilli, and Raffaella, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Buzzetti, both of Rome, Italy.

Mr L. E. Zervudachi and Miss M. A. Davies
The engagement is announced between Laky, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N. E. Zervudachi, of London, and Maria, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Davies, of Birkenhead.

Mr D. Lewis and Miss S. Engelsman
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Sydney Lewis, of Belgravia, London, SW1, and Simone, eldest daughter of Mrs Beverly Engelsman and the late Bernard Engelsman, of Ewell, Surrey.

Mr S. G. Mason and Fraken M. Hoeng Anderson
The engagement is announced between Soren Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. G. Mason, of Wimbledon, and Marianne, younger daughter of the late Mr W. Andersen and Mrs E. Anderson, of Copenhagen.

Mr D. C. Oveden and Miss E. A. Welton
The engagement is announced between David Clifford, son of Mr and Mrs M. F. Ovenden, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Elizabeth Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. B. Welton, of Tollerton, Nottinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr J. C. B. Mortimer and Miss F. Duenas
The marriage took place quietly on June 8, 1985, at Lake Taho, California, United States, of Mr Charles Mortimer, elder son of Mr Justice and Mrs Barry Mortimer of Staveley Grange, North Yorkshire, and Miss Farina Duenas, of Haywood, California. A service at All Saints, Staveley followed by a reception at Staveley Grange will be held on a date to be fixed in 1986.

Mr J. Baldwin and Miss K. Ho
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 14, 1985, at Gloucester Register Office, between Mr James Baldwin, of Newent, Gloucestershire, and Miss Kin Ho, of Happy Valley, Hong Kong.

Dr F. von Prondzynski and Dr H. Ingman
The marriage has taken place quietly in Dublin between Dr Ferdinand von Prodzynski, son of Herr and Frau Hans von Prondzynski, and Dr Heather Ingman, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Ingman.



Lord Shinwell, CH, who is aged 100, and Joanna Lumley, the actress, who yesterday helped to launch the Help the Aged Lifeline alarm appeal in London. The charity aims to raise £16 million to equip elderly people living alone with an emergency alarm linked to a central switchboard. The pendant shown by Miss Lumley can activate the system (Photograph: John Voos)

University news

Oxford
Elections
CHRIST CHURCH
Lecturership of the house in ancient history: Jane L Rowlandson, MA, DPhil, Queen's College, Oxford.
SOMERVILLE COLLEGE
IBM visiting fellowship in information technology 1986-87: K G Cowlishaw, BA, JD (University of Michigan); senior scholarships 1985-6: C Lynch BCL (University College, Dublin); C E Wills, BA, formerly scholar of the college.
WORCESTER COLLEGE
Laycock studentship in Egyptology, from October 1: R S Simpson, St John's College.

St Andrews
Appointments
Dr Jeffrey Sanderson, reader in the department of applied mathematics, to a chair in theoretical plasma physics.
Dr Ronald Morrison, of the department of computational science, to a chair in software engineering.
Dr Ian Johnston, reader in the department of physiology and pharmacology and director of the Gatty Marine laboratory, will take up a chair in comparative physiology, all from October 1.

Leeds
Dr William John Hume has been appointed to the chair of dental surgery from October 1. He is senior lecturer in oral pathology at Manchester University.

Sheffield
The following first class honours degrees are announced at Sheffield University.

BSc
Anatomy and Cell Biology: M J Walley, Matthew Bolton C.
Biochemistry: A D Griffiths, All Saints RCS.
Chemical Physics: J Meads, Bowworth C.
Chemistry: W D Carlisle, Regent House CS; I P Collin, Stirling, All Saints RCS; Alison M Walford, Stratford on Avon GS; Ann M Williamson, Simon Langton S; M R Wilson, Driffield S; S Woodward, SE Essex Tech.
Chemistry & Physiology: P A Davison, K Edward VI S.
Computer Science: S C Maddock, Sir John Deanes C; C B Noonan, St Joseph's R C; I T Oxford.
Computer Science & Statistics: T J Ringrose, Doncaster S.
Geography: M B Richards, Oldershaw S.
Geology: P J Treble, Spoone S.
Microbiology: A P Geare, Priestley C; Susan D Hall, O Mary S.
Natural Environmental Science: Nocola J Wilson, Sullivan Upper S.
Physics: S J Reilly, Maricourt HS; C V Rennison, K Edward's S; T H Russell, Clitheroe Royal GS; I M Stubbs, Birkenhead Inst HS; P W H Surguy, Bramcote Hills Comp S; B M Carter, St Anselm's C; N Dodgson, Calday Grange City GS; E J Fennessey, Lisanie J Pendlebury; G J Phythian, Prescot S; Sheryl D Whitaker, Gulwood Grange S

BA LAW
Suzanne Day, Ousedale S; A B Price, Gloucester C.

BA
Architectural Studies: H S Davies, Richmond S; Susan C Mortimer, W Park C; S H Zalewski, Coventry Tech C.
Urban Studies: T J Longden, Loughborough Tech.

BA ARTS
Archaeology and Prehistory: M R Edmonds, Kings S.
English Literature: A T Davis, Marple Hall S; Marie-Madeleine Duaning; Christina Kane, Bolton S; Christine Mills, Barnsley Tech.
German: Lertieen L Willis, King Egbert S.
History: P Dalton, St Bedes GS; Josephine I M March, Liskeard City GS.
Music: Ekin A Ab Robert.
Pure Mathematics: J P Black, Worthing SFC
German/Economics: S D Williams, K Henry VIII S.
Linguistics/Japanese: Beverley D Anderson, Wulfric S

B.ENG
Civil and Structural Engineering: T N M Al Hadid, Richmond C; S S Chiu; W H Fung; C S Lee; R K Spitz, K Edgar S; A T Wilson, Framwellgate Moor Comp S; S K Wong; S H Yu.
Mechanical Engineering: D A Allen, Thornbridge S; P Antonio, Chester C; D B Austin, Guilsfield C; A J MacDougall, Rainford HS.
Electronic Engineering: I K Crawford, St Aidans and St John Fishers S; D W Leech, Formby HS; G Starkie, Carleit Park Tech; D A Stone, Knottingley HS.
Control Engineering: K M Tsang, Wirral Metropolitan C

B.Sc TECH
G A Ainsworth, Clitheroe Royal GS; S A Franklin, Arland Burnley S; N J Coate, Worksop C; R M Mi Namee, St Mary's SFC.

B.MET
D A Clitherow, Sir John Deanes C; Catherine R Fennell, Bellerive S.

B.A. (SOCIAL SCIENCES)
Geography: I S Black, S Hunsley S
Psychology: Alison Williams, Cotham GS.
Accounting and Financial Management/Computer Science: Susan J Ball, Wyrombe HS
Econ and Social Hist/Polit Theory and Institutions: S G P Ludlam, Portsmouth GS

B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES
Accounting and Financial Mangmt/Economics: I J Howarth, Turton HS; P L Oldham, Ferries C; N M Woolley, Abbey S.
Accounting and Financial Mangmt: Joanne E Scott, Gillesgate Comp S
Business Studies: Ann Pearre, Richmond C
Economics: S Arthurs, Abbeydale Grange S.

B.Ed.
P Blakeney.

B.Med.Sci.
Immunology: P K Randet, Royal GS.
M.B. Ch.B (with Honours): A N Allan, S E Derbyshire C; Alison L Armstrong, Sherrardswood S; I A Cunliffe, Rainford HS; L A Davidson, N A Frost; P T C Jones, Royal GS; C H Toh, Wellington S.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev F J Arrowsmith, priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Kingsway, with St John the Evangelist, Drury Lane, and also of St Paul's, Covent Garden, diocese of London, to be vicar, St Barnabas and St Agnes, Hove, diocese of Chichester.
The Rev D R Barker, training officer for ministry for the parishes of Rugby and Bilton, diocese of Coventry, to be selection secretary and secretary for Continuing Ministerial Education, Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry, Church House, Westminster.
The Rev C A Barton, Vicar, St Thomas's, Norbury, diocese of Chester, to be also an honorary canon of Chester Cathedral, same diocese
The Rev C H Benson, priest-in-charge, Broadclyst, diocese of Exeter, to be team Vicar in the Pinhoe and Broadclyst team ministry, same diocese.
Canon C D Biddell, Vicar, St George's, Stockport, diocese of Chester, to be also Rural Dean of Stockport, same diocese.
The Rev P J W Blackburn, Rector, Burythorpe, Acklam and Leavening with Weston, diocese of York, to be Chaplain, Christ Church, Naples, diocese of Europe.
Canon W Blaihwayt, to be a canon emeritus of Norwich Cathedral, diocese of Norwich.
The Rev J Briggs, Vicar, St Chad's, Chadkirk, Romiley, diocese of Chester, to be also Rural Dean of Chadkirk, same diocese
The Rev D P Brockbank, curate, St Stephen's, Prenton, diocese of Chester, to be team Vicar, Birkenhead priory parish, same diocese.
The Rev C G Darrall, Vicar, St John in the Vale with Wythburn and Chaplain, Carlisle Diocesan Youth Centre, diocese of Carlisle, to be also priest-in-charge, Threlkeld, same diocese.
Canon A D Derisley to be a canon emeritus of Norwich Cathedral, diocese of Norwich
The Rev M W Jarrett, Vicar, St Andrew's, Uxbridge, diocese of London, to be selection secretary, Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry, Church House, Westminster, from December 1.
The Rev J Ilson, team Rector, Kidderminster St George, diocese of Worcester, to be priest-in-charge, Powick, same diocese.
The Rev C A Jones, priest-in-charge, Timsbury, diocese of Bath and Wells to be priest in-charge, St George's, Tombland, Norwich, diocese of Norwich.
Canon R H G Lewis, Vicar, St George's, Poynton, diocese of Chester, to be also Rural Dean of Cheadle, same diocese
The Rev I H Martin, Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, diocese of Leicester, to be Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Thurmaston, same diocese
The Rev A J R Neale, Vicar, Stanstead Abbotts, diocese of St Albans, to be Chaplain of the Eastbourne Hospitals, diocese of Chichester
The Rev Powell, Vicar, Hanbury with Newborough, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar, Basford, same diocese
The Rev L Redhead, priest-in-charge, Bromfield, Waterton and Westnewton, diocese of Carlisle, to be Vicar, Bromfield, Waterton and Westnewton, same diocese.
The Rev M G Sellix, Rector, Rayne, diocese of Chelmsford to be Vicar, Blackmore and Stondon Massey, same diocese.
The Rev P Stokes, Vicar, Harlington, diocese of St Albans to be Vicar, Luton, St Andrew, same diocese.
The Rev C N Tubbs, Vicar, Scalby with Ravenscar and Staintondale, diocese of York, to be also a non-residentiary canon of York, forpreval of Fenton, same diocese.
The Rev D Walker, OGS, Vicar, Brighton St Peter with the Chapel Royal and St John the Evangelist, priest-in-charge, Brighton St Nicolas, and Rural Dean of Brighton, diocese of Chichester, to be also Precentary of Waltham in Chichester Cathedral, same diocese
The Rev B A Wells, non-stipendiary minister, diocese of Southwark, to be curate, St Paul's, Weymouth, diocese of Salisbury
The Rev G L C Westwell, Chaplain, St Mark's, Florence, Italy, diocese of Europe to be also Archdeacon in Italy, same diocese.
The Rev John A Wilson, curate, Southorpe, diocese of York to be Vicar, Whorlton with Carlton and Faceby, same diocese.
The Rev John L Wilson, Vicar, Narborough with Narford and Rector, Pentney with West Bilney, diocese of Norwich, to be Vicar, St Mark's, Lakenham, same diocese

Retirements
The Rev R S Halse, priest-in-chrge, St Luke's, Ramsgate, diocese of Canterbury, to retire on Oct 31.
The Rev D E Milligan, Rector, St Olave's, Gatcombe with Chillerton, diocese of Portsmouth, to retire on Nov 30.
The Rev J G Nicholls, Rector, Chiddingfold, St Mary, diocese of Guildford, to retire on Jan 6.
The Rev E W K Sheet, non-stipendiary minister, All Saints, Denmead, diocese of Portsmouth, to retire on Nov 24.
The Rev E Williams, priest-in-charge, Knossington, St Peter's, Owston, St Andrew, Tilton-on-the-Hill, St Peter's, diocese of Leicester, to retire on Sept 30.

Mrs M Escritt to be part time secretary for the lay ministry, diocese of York, in succession to Sister Marion Eva, OHP

Church in Wales
The parish of Bangor, St James, diocese of Bangor, is to be grouped with the parish of Bangor, Glanadda. The present incumbent of the parish of Bangor, Glanadda, the Rev T E P Edwards to be inducted to the parish of Bangor, St James.
The Rev J C A Hendy, curate of Griffithstown, to be Vicar of St Hilary, Greenway, diocese of Monmouth

Science report

'Hidden' bond in cancer treatment isolated

By Iona Brown

Some of the early tried anti-cancer compounds are substances based on platinum. In common with all such chemotherapy, there are serious side-effects with many of them, ranging from severe nausea to loss of hearing and loss of sensation in fingers and toes.

Nevertheless, scientists believe that they are one of the best groups for developing more effective treatment. Success depends on finding out why some compounds are more effective in preventing tumours than others.

Cisplatin, for example, a compound of platinum chloride and ammonia, is the leading anti-cancer drug on sale in the United States. It is particularly effective against genito-urinary tumours, and has halted 85 per cent of testicular cancers, which are the leading cause of death in American males aged between 20 and 40.

It has been known for some years that platinum-based drugs work by entering the genetic material, DNA, and preventing it from reproducing abnormally.

But until now, scientists have been unable to find out why one form of the compound, the "cis" form, is more effective than its inactive counterpart, the "trans" form. Both are chemically identical, with chloride ions and ammonium groups bonded to platinum, but have a different molecular shape. In the "cis" form, the two chloride ions are adjacent. In the "trans" form, they are opposed.

Experiments have shown that although both forms are initially effective in preventing the abnormal replication of DNA in the cell nucleus, the "cis" form ultimately works much better.

All cells have a built-in machanism for repairing themselves when their genetic material is disrupted. Cancer cells are disrupted when they come into contact with the platinum compounds, and their natural reaction is to put their self-help system into effect, over-riding the drug.

By studying infected kidney cells from the African green monkey it has been found that because of its shape, the "cis" form of the platinum compound can "hide" in the genetic material and thus avoid being recognized by the cell's repair mechanism.

Using X-ray diffraction techniques, scientists have now been able to isolate a fragment of crystallized cis-platin on DNA and to obtain an image of the chemical bond. The cisplatin binds to adjacent G bases on the same strand of the double helix, and forms a structural link which is sufficient to stop the production of enzymes required to produce more DNA.

The "trans" form, however, cannot make the link, because it does not have the structural ability, and causes greater disruption in the cell nucleus.

Scientists now suspect that the relative abilities of different tumour cells to "repair" those platinum ducts may be the key to why the "cis" form is active for some types of cancers, like testicular, ovarian, and head and neck cancers, and not others.

Memorial services

Miss J. Pearce
The Ambassador of Pakistan was represented by Miss Shireen Safdar at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Joyce Pearce held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff. Miss Margaret Dixon and Dr Christopher Woodard read the lessons.

Tributes were paid by former refugees who were helped by the Ockenden Venture: Mrs Janina Stuttard (Poland), Mrs Sarmite Garner (Latvia), Miss Thuy Duong (Vietnam), Mr Tsewang Topgyal (Tibet), Mr Mesfin Abebe (Ethiopia), and Mr Simon Kumalo (South Africa).

Lord Ennals gave an address. The Rev Michael Thompson and Father Denis Murphy, representing the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, were robed and in the Sanctuary.

A memorial service for the Earl of Avon will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at noon on Tuesday, November 12.

Memorial requiem Mass for Lady d'Erlanger will be celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, W1, on Wednesday, October 9, at 10.30am.

A memorial service for Commander G. A. Holdsworth will be held today in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, at 11.30am.

Christening

The infant son of Mr Andrew and Lady Felicity McIndoe was christened Harry James on Saturday, September 14, 1985, at St Simon Zelotes, SW3, by the Rev John Falconer, RN. The godparents are the Earl of Courtown, the Hon Jeremy Stopford, Mr Blake Gorst, Miss Candy Seymour-Smith, Mrs Anthony Tiarks and Miss Kate Holborow.

Holmwood House

Autumn Term begins today at Holmwood House Preparatory School, Lexden, Colchester, with girls joining the school for the first time – boarders and day pupils through the age-range of the school. Six-a-Side Day takes place on October 12. There will be a production of *See How They Run*, by Philip King, on December 6 and 7. Term ends on Saturday, December 21.

Mary Rose Trust

The Princess of Wales will attend a Gala Performance, in aid of the Mary Rose Trust, of the Royal Shakespeare Company's musical, *Les Miserables*, and a reception at the Barbican Theatre on Thursday, October 10, at 7.30pm. Tickets for this gala and reception, at £50 each are available from the trust (0705) 750521 or credit card bookings 01-731 1452.

Latest wills

Professor Sir Frank Leonard ENGLEDOW, FRS, of Cambridge, Drapers' professor of agriculture at Cambridge University from 1930 to 1957, left estate valued at £166,026 net.

Gleneagles Club

American Express gold card members are reminded that the champagne reception arranged for them to see the Gleneagles Club at the New Piccadilly Hotel will take place next week. If you have so far been unable to reply please telephone Mr Douglas Grant at the club (01-734 8000).

Prince's debut

Prince Edward makes his debut as a counsellor of State when, with Princess Anne, he receives the new Burmese Ambassador, Mr Din Dun, at Buckingham Palace on October 16. The Queen will tour the Caribbean in October.

Luncheon

Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce
Mr Patrick Reid, Commissioner-General of Expo '86, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday at the Savoy Hotel by the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce. Mr R. H. A. Wain, president of the chamber, presided.

Dinners

British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing
Mr T. Currie, HM Superintending Inspector of Nuclear Installations at the Health and Safety Executive, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing which took place last night at the Crest Hotel, Erskine, Strathclyde, Scotland. He had earlier given the President's Honour Lecture at the twentieth annual British conference on non-destructive testing. Members and guests were received by Dr G. Oates, the institute president, and Mrs Oates.

Chartered Surveyors' Company
The Chartered Surveyors' Company held its Michaelmas Court dinner at Innholders' Hall last night. The Master, Mr D. R. Male, presided and received guests with the Senior Warden, Mr R. W. P. Luff, and the Junior Warden, Mr M. E. Taylor. Mr J Dundas Hamilton, Mr B. C. Briant and the Master were the speakers. Other guests included:
Major General E W Barton, the Secretary-General of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the City Surveyor, the Masters of the Saddlers', Plumbers', Innholders', City of London Solicitors', and Chartered Secretaries and Administrators' Companies.

OBITUARY

JULIAN BECK

Founder of Living Theatre



Julian Beck, who with his wife Judith Malina was co-founder and director of the Living Theatre, died in hospital in New York on September 14. He was 60.

Founded in New York in 1947, Living Theatre was in its time a startlingly radical avant-garde troupe whose work, rooted in Artaud's Theatre of Cruelty and the psychology of Wilhelm Reich, aimed at creating an extreme form of realism whose purpose was to shock the audience out of its historically supine role and to compel it to live fully – both psychologically and physically – the experience of the theatrical production.

With its theatre in New York closed and the directors fined for tax evasion in the mid 1960s the company had a nomadic existence in Europe for many years, and performed only infrequently in New York.

Beck was born on May 31, 1925 in Washington Heights, Manhattan. He and Judith Malina met as students at Piscator's new School Dramatic Workshop.

In 1947 they set up the Living Theatre, eventually finding a home in 14th Street where, from 1959 to 1963, they began to make an international reputation.

They started as an experimental management drawing on the existing repertory and combining the continental avant garde with American contributions from Kenneth Rexroth, Paul Goodman, and William Carlos Williams.

In 1959, they took a new turning with Jack Gelber's *The Connection*, a report on the New York drug scene presented in terms of complete actuality. This was followed by Kenneth H. Brown's study of military detention techniques *The Brig*, whose horrendously dehumanized rituals all developed from Beck's geometric cage setting.

Both productions arrived in London, *The Connection* disastrously at the Duke of York's, the *The Brig* with great success at the Mermaid.

In 1964 the Becks' anti-money campaign led to their arrest for unpaid back taxes. The theatre was closed, and the Becks both given prison sentences and fines. On release they departed for Europe, leaving their story to be dramatised in the Open Theatre production of Karl Bissinger's *The Trial of Judith Malina and Julian Beck*.

In its vagabond European phase, the company's work changed from tightly disciplined, text-based spectacles to vast pieces like *Frankenstein* and *Paradise Now*, which appeared in London at the Round House in 1969.

These were orgiastic events (the New York performance of the latter led to the Becks' arrest for indecent exposure) with much audience participation; and intricately detailed attempts to relate mythological material to modern experience.

Theatrically and politically Beck and Malina were inseparable and their marriage was an enduring partnership among the many fleeting liaisons of the culturally rebellious Sixties.

At the same time they alienated many friends by pushing their anarchist principles (particularly the rejection of money) to the point of exploiting colleagues and spectators.

COOTIE WILLIAMS

Cootie Williams whose trumpet playing was one of the distinctive sounds of the Duke Ellington band in the 1930s, died in hospital in Long Island Jewish Hospital, New York, on September 15. He was 77.

Charles Melvin Williams was born in Mobile, Alabama, on July 24, 1908. His first predilection, musically speaking, was for drums, but he later played trumpet in the school band and made his professional debut with Eagle Eye Shields's band in Florida in 1925.

In 1926 he joined Alonzo Ross and gained his entree to New York when he went north with Ross. After a brief spell with Chick Webb in New York he joined Duke Ellington's band where he replaced Bubber Miley from whose technique he learned a great deal.

From then on for the next ten years his magnificent playing was one of the great features of the Ellington band, and indeed his work whether in open solos or in muted performances – the celebrated "growling trumpet" – was one of the great benchmarks of 1930s trumpet performance.

"Echoes of Harlem", recorded in 1936, was one of his best known tunes, but also popular was "Concert for Cootie" of 1940, which later had a second lease of life and great success as the pop song, "Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me".

In 1940 Williams left Ellington's band, an event considered so momentous it was signalized by Raymond Scott's writing and recording a number entitled "When Cootie Left the Duke". He spent a year with Benny Goodman, a period in which he featured in many memorable recordings, and then went on to form his own big band.

Later he brought this down in size and in the 1950s worked for seven years in the Savoy Ballroom until it closed, to some extent submerging his own jazz style in other musical elements. In 1959 he toured Europe, recovering something more akin to his original trumpet style.

SIR ELLIS WATERHOUSE

Cecil Gould writes:

I should like to add a footnote to your obituary notice of Sir Ellis Waterhouse (September 9) and to Dr David Balfour's letter (September 14).

In May, 1945 I joined Ellis Waterhouse in Westphalia where we were both to be stationed as officers in the Monuments and Fine Arts section of the Control Commission. When I arrived he had just returned to Münster from a visit to Holland with the head of the section, Professor (then Colonel) Geoffrey Webb, and had visited one of the war-time repositories of the Rijksmuseum.

Ellis had heard (and I wonder who else in England at the time would have done so) that the Rijksmuseum had actually acquired another Vermeer during the war, and he had asked to see it.

Bubbling with excitement, Ellis now told me that he had immediately noticed two things about the picture: first, that it was evidently the work of the same artist who had painted the "Supper at Emmaus" which had been acquired by the Boymans Museum at Rotterdam in the 1930's and had been widely publicized as the Vermeer discovery of the century; then, that the Rijksmuseum picture was "a palpable forgery".

Geoffrey Webb's account of the incident was that on looking at the picture Ellis had said "It's an impertinence."

It was reported to the British military police, and then to the Dutch police, and this was the first step in the unmasking of Hans van Meegeren, the forger of Vermeer, which soon afterwards became world news.

Characteristically, Ellis himself never claimed credit for this, and in consequence most people are unaware of it.

GEN A. A. YEPISHEV

General Alexei Alexeyevich Yepishev, who died on September 15 at the age of 77, was head of the political department of the Soviet armed forces from 1962 until his retirement earlier this year. As such, he had the key job of ensuring political reliability throughout the forces.

Born in Astrakhan on May 19, 1908, he served in the Red Army from 1930 to 1938. But from then on he had essentially party posts, including a period in 1942-43 as a member of the military council on the Stalingrad front.

After the war he served under Khrushchev in the Ukraine, where he rose to national prominence.

From 1955 to 1961 Yepishev was Ambassador to Romania, and from 1961 to 1962 to Yugoslavia, both of them sensitive posts. He then returned to Moscow and took over the job of chief political commisar of the armed forces.

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THE ARTS

John Mortimer gave up the law two years ago, justly proud of having been the best playwright ever to defend a murderer. Today he publishes his first novel for nearly thirty years, as he tells Nicholas Shakespeare

Cat on a warm tin roof

"Always have something to fall back on". John Mortimer's father told him as a young man. For better or for worse he has followed the advice. Many of his 62 years have been spent in falling back on things. Like a cat on a warm tin roof he has hopped, in good time, from one vent for his talents to another.

After publishing, aged 22, a successful novel inspired by his experience with the Crown Film Unit, Mortimer read for the Bar. Sticking with the law, he was lured from novels into playwrighting, adapting and television – and from television – into adapting his scripts back into novels. And all this while there was the law – Mortimer the libertarian barrister with a touch of magic, the wizard of *Oz*. Only once did he give it up, when he had two plays in the West End, but after three days he returned.

"There was something peculiar about my position I quite liked", he says. "And I was never bored. If I lost a case I could rush off to rehearsals and hope to win that." He knew, however, the time would come when he grew up and would have to choose between writing and the bar. That time has come. Two years ago he hung up his QC's wig and today he publishes a fine novel – the first. Rumpoles apart, for nearly thirty years.

"I tried to keep away from lawyers – although the plot is based on a contested will." He sits in his study and looks out over a snoring dog at the empty clothes line and a sky full of rain. Despite the caricatures on the wall, it is hard to imagine him in court. Winding his hair into curls with a finger or twisting two large gold rings, he resembles a benign but unkempt pasha.

"I'd been saying for a long time that the television writer is like a Victorian novelist. He has a big audience and a work that comes out in instalments. I thought if I was saying this I had better write a novel."

Mortimer has relished his control of the material. "There's nothing between you and the reader", he says with a surprised air of rediscovery. "No actors, no producers." He winds his hair contentedly. "It's been a marvellous pleasure, writing prose. It's really what I want to do."

Set close to his home near Henley, *Paradise Postponed* tells of what happens when the Reverend Simeon Simcox, a socialist cleric and CND campaigner, leaves his fortune not to his family but to a Conservative Cabinet Minister.

It is a novel about human fallibility, irrational passions and family secrets, and in it Mortimer clears his head of the voices of Waugh, Greene and Dickens – those admired talents who could be heard in his early novels – and finds a soft-spoken voice of his own.

Certainly there are recurrent smacks of autobiography. "I can't think of writing about anything that hasn't happened to me. Simeon's got things in common with my father, but then everything I write about has things in common with my father. As for secrets, all the important things in my parents' life were kept quiet. My mother's father shot himself. She was never told. Her family wrote enclosing a copy of the local paper and the suggestion she should look at page four. My father went blind yet I didn't say 'you can't see' when I saw my mother guiding his toothbrush. Nobody said it. We just went on as if he could."

Mortimer is nevertheless prepared to concede that the premise behind *Paradise Postponed* is a political one. "I do have an ideal world. There is a state we've fallen off from, which consists in caring for people and not caring about money. I can remember feeling after the war that everything would be different. Heaven and Earth had opened for us, a classless society. The question I ask is why then have we ended up with the same old rubbish?"

In the novel this rubbish is epitomised by the Conservative candidate Leslie Titmuss. "Titmuss is the character I'm proudest of, the new downmarket Tory. The worst thing in my life is a Young Conservative. If you're young, you shouldn't be a conservative. That's another sad feature of our time, by the way", he says referring to Henry: "the angry young man who becomes a crusty old blimp. I hope I don't become a crusty old blimp. Maybe I wasn't an angry young man."

Not if his stint as a Harrovian Communist is anything to go by. He threw in his card when contradictory orders came, telling him first to disrupt production on the factory floor, then, with Russia's entry into the Allied fold, to step up production. He threw in writing fiction – "in a state of stage-struckness".

Does he regret he wrote no more, that he had to wait till now to find out what he wanted to do? "Yes", he laughs. It is a wistful high-pitched laugh, like the moan of his dog in its sleep. "Yes, I do. Did I waste my time doing law cases? Maybe, but then I wouldn't have known what to write about", he adds unconvincingly.

Paradise Postponed by John Mortimer is published today (Viking Press, £9.95).



John Vope

John Mortimer, displaying the rumpled charm of the Wizard of Oz

Television

Battle cries

The author Frederick Forsyth presented the first of a series which aimed to chronicle the history of men in war last night. Soldiers (BBC1) is a co-production with American and Australian companies which used a wide range of visual material from modern news film to clips from films like *Henry V* and *El Cid*.

Many of the widely-held misgivings about both international co-productions and the blurring of distinction between fact and fiction were perfectly illustrated by this opening programme, which set out to give an overview of the more detailed editions to follow. Our attention was twitched from Forsyth at the site of Waterloo, to First World War newsreel footage and then to dramatic reconstructions of historic battles, in a manner which did not enhance the coherence of the script.

Frederick Forsyth's thrillers are remarkable for the Swiss-watch precision of their plots and meticulous regard for accuracy: they are also informed by a sturdy moral sense. It seemed a pity that the author had not also scripted *Soldiers*. The commentary began by asserting "no spectacle so touches the emotions as soldiers arrayed for ceremony", and proclaiming "these men are *different* – they have sworn to accept their deaths!". These sentiments, which many would dispute, were accompanied by such a pell-mell juxtapositon of images that the affair had the smack of an intellectualization of the *Ramiho* spirit.

When a veteran of Changi wept at his memories, or the camera lingered on a soldier, wounded horrifically in the Falklands, these moments were given the same editorial weight as a skirmish with Laurence Olivier's gaily-caparisoned knights, and in the absence of a well-constructed argument to give these sights a context, the programme seemed to be aimed at a lowest common denominator of emotional response.

The series promises to examine the changing roles of infantry, cavalry and artillery with an inevitable top-dressing of strategy. It appears to have no higher aspiration than to explore the experience of life on the battlefield, which will no doubt be widely acceptable to an international audience.

During the last half-century, however, many of the people who have died in war have not been soldiers. As the recent anniversary of Hiroshima reminded us, atomic weapons have given new dimensions to armed combat. Several of the interviewees in *Soldiers* made vivid comments on the nature of war, and it was a pity that these were not pursued.

Celia Brayfield

Gallery



Second Prize winner: Arthur Haigh by Tom Wood

Portrait Award

National Portrait Gallery

Portraits are always a problem in the modern world. Of course Delaroche was wrong when he said, of the first photographs he saw, "From today painting is dead", but undoubtedly the advent of the portrait photograph entailed a radical rethinking of the painted portrait's role and the whole concept of "likeness". And if even the National Portrait Gallery, where the show of this year's winners in the annual John Player Portrait Award takes place until October 20, often finds itself on the horns of an old dilemma – whether the prime criterion is the inherent interest of the subject, or artistic excellence in the way a portrait is turned into a painting – then it would seem unreasonable to expect the award's judges to be any less confused in their own minds as to what portraiture today is all about.

At least it does not seem; this year, as though photographs of the subjects are required in verification of mere accuracy (an odd notion anyway when you consider the camera's infinite capacity for lying); at any rate, photographs are shown alongside only about half the entries. Whether this implies a slight move over towards judgement of the portraits as paintings rather than as quasi-photographic likenesses I do not know, but to judge from what is actually on the wall pictorial qualities have been uppermost, in the selection of the finalists if not so apparently of the actual winners. Certainly the overall impression created by the show is one of general painterliness and technical efficiency, but also some liveliness as compared with the Madame Tussaud's quality of previous selections.

Many of the portraits seem to have been done for the sheer pleasure and exercise of making a picture – perhaps spiced with a desire to enter the competition – and so the majority are either self-portraits or evidently portraits of relatives and close friends who have been drummed into it. Several of the most effective push "portrait" to the limit, by being landscapes with figures, such as Terence Clarke's *Barry Clarke: Noise in the Street* or Mick Rooney's *Mr and Mrs T. Bishop in their Rose Garden at Small Hythe, Kent*, which produces a slightly sinister effect by paying as much attention to the flowers as to the people, or Dexter Dalwood's *Peter Dalwood: "Mandalay"*, which shows the artist's father standing monumentally in the prow of the boat. (Both the last two were commended.)

Some of the straight portraits manage a slightly new or personal twist in the formula, such as Tom Wood's second-prize winner *Arthur Haigh, Collector*, which poses its subject right up against, and almost a part of, what might be a decorative frieze, or Roger Handley's *Self-portrait: "A Fragment from the Past"*, which deliberately gives what one presumes to be an old image of the artist an antiquarian air by mimicking a fragment of a fading mural. But, just in general, things are looking up at the NPG. We shall have to wait until next year to find out whether this is more than a temporary change.

John Russell Taylor

Theatre

Nostalgia and vulgarity

Gigi

Lyric Theatre

As Alan Jay Lerner pointed out on this page yesterday, the ten Academy Awards he and Frederick Loewe won with the film of *Gigi* were no guarantee of its subsequent stage success. Mr Lerner puts this down to the big-band treatment it got on Broadway. But a more modest approach was attempted at the Leicester Haymarket five years ago: and that, too, failed to follow the other Haymarket musicals up to town.

Now it appears again: ostentatiously shorn of scenic spectacle, chorus, and production numbers, and accompanied by a small band that would sound at home as a soothing background to conversation in a pre-war Palm Court. No doubt this is deliberate. Numbers like "I Remember It Well" and "The Night They Invented Champagne" have come to sound like Palm Court favourites: and Mr Lerner frankly views the piece as an exercise in nostalgia.

We are being invited to view the piece as a delicate chamber musical too, and as a result its inherent vulgarity is more nakedly exposed than in the crassest Broadway version. It appears that Paris has worked its usual deadly spell on an American adapter: and instead of Colette's worldly-wise account of the grooming of a courtesan, we get a snobbish tourist's-eye view of the story.

Dialogue is laced with compulsory references to the Folies Bergères and the Eiffel Tower. When the philandering Gaston wants to make Gigi an irresistible offer, he invites her to tea and thence to Versailles. The whole thing exudes the Parisian snobbery of a newcomer from Twostones, Arizona.

The same goes for the characters. Gigi (Amanda Waring), first seen in a sailor suit and then in a long dress, is offered up as a succulent specimen of budding womanhood: surrounded by a pack of knowing old parties, licking their lips and consulting their legal advisers over her future market prospects.

She is farmed out for lessons in etiquette to an aunt who has slept her way to the top, a lady (Sian Phillips) who then demonstrates her credentials by being abominably rude to any menial who crosses her path. Then there is the unspeakable Gaston, a bone-headed, bullying, cigar-smoking playboy, who goes through the show declaring his boredom with the life of pleasure. Supervising the events and trying to pass them off as a fairy tale is old Uncle Honoré (Jean-Pierre Aumont), a part first tailored for Maurice Chevalier, decanting nudging Gallic charm like cascades of sticky tonic wine. The awful realization dawns that we are supposed to like these people.

The story invites obvious comparison with the same partners' *My Fair Lady*: another study in social education that blows up in the teacher's face. The difference is that Gigi's lessons never get going, apart from one brisk session on jewels.

The memory of its great predecessor also overhangs the score: for when Loewe stops writing waltzes it is usually to go into lifeless recaps of Higgins's "Never Let a Woman in Your Life" with the agitated Gaston (Geoffrey Burridge) pacing up and down a street scene and hanging on to a conveniently placed lamp-post for lyrical interludes.

The production is the work of the distinguished partnership of John Dexter, Jocelyn Herbert (sets) and Andy Phillips (lighting), from which you would be right in assuming that everything has been carried out in the best of taste. On Miss Herbert's stage the cliché locations are rendered with delicate transparent screens, inset within a false proscenium garlanded with an art nouveau trellis. Dexter's groupings and company scenes are models of period reconstruction, perfectly focused and beautifully dressed.

He has also secured deadpan performances of the stilted, self-admiring dialogue: with the one exception of Beryl Reid, in the role of Gigi's grandmother, who gloriously puts her boot into the whole enterprise whenever she opens her mouth.

Irving Wardle

The Trial of Lady Chatterley

The Playhouse, Nottingham

Now that we are all liberals together, we can look back in amusement to the prosecution of Penguin Books for publishing an unexpurgated edition of *Lady Chatterley's Lover* in 1960. The trial's quarter-centenary, falling next month, ties in handily with D. H. Lawrence's centenary celebrations.

The Obscene Publications Act of 1959 gave licence for books to deprave and corrupt in the public good – if, in other words, enough respectable witnesses could be wheeled into court to testify to the work's literary merits. It is one of the richer ironies of this case that *Lady Chatterley's* aquittal opened the floodgates not to the pornographer (he was to arrive much later) but to the expert, the secular cleric whose sermons still find a ready pulpit in today's media.

Edwin Pearce's condensation of the trial, first given on the BBC television five years ago, is now premiered at the Nottingham Playhouse. Taking the place of the jury, the audience faces the two leading counsel, the judge, and the witness box. Martin Jameson's production is a brisk, polished affair, which inevitably invites us to laugh at the prosecution's misjudged high-mindedness while getting in some oblique digs at the more absurd pretensions of the other side.

James Tomlinson's impersonation of Mervyn Griffith-Jones, the prosecution counsel who notoriously demanded if the book were one "you would give your wives and servants to read", is almost too good to be true. Urbane and roguish, he comes over as a wit and a not inconsiderable critic, and the way he reads Lawrence is precisely the way he should be read: airily and mockingly: it is, after all a highly fatuous novel.

His adversary Gerald Gardiner (Roger Rowland) is necessarily more muted, but his witnesses – Richard Hoggart, E. M. Forster, Dilys Powell – are very well achieved by David Ericsson and Jane Lee. The fact is that we still have no proper language to talk about sex, and several words from this play's script would not find their way into a great family newspaper.

Martin Cropper

Concert

Volcanic visions

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli

Royal Festival Hall

Mahler's Second Symphony, the "Resurrection", reminds me – particularly now that I have heard Giuseppe Sinopoli's interpretation – of Sam Goldwyn's famous search for "a story that starts with an earthquake and works up to a climax".

Sinopoli certainly locates the heart of this symphony in the earthquake, which is fair enough: one imagines that the Apocalypse which will register fairly strongly on the Richter Scale. But the still, small voice of calm – the other thread running through this massive affirmation of faith – sometimes eluded him, and here the performance became emotionally flat and musically rather two-dimensional.

That calming voice takes many forms. In the first movement it is the yearning string phrases that drip (or should do) with nostalgia for life's transitory pleasures. By the conclusion it has angelicized itself into a vision of eternal peace. Whatever shape it takes, however, it is an essential dramatic contrast to the eruptions around it, and must be as surely characterized.

Sinopoli produced many effective, often savage eruptions. Placing the cellos and double basses with the brass to form a fat, fortissimo phalanx of sound paid off handsomely, and the upper strings and woodwind were encouraged to invest phrases with a stabbing, melodramatic quality. He also maintained a fairly tight ensemble, possibly because the players were not troubled too often by subtle tempo changes.

The performance faltered, however, in passages requiring a more generous, lyrical approach, or a deft touch of rubato. The violins' glorious upward curve at the first movement's second subject was one instance; the whole of "Urlicht", where Brigitte Fassbaender fought from the organ loft to impose her usual artistry, was another. The Ländler movement, too, although its pizzicato recapitulation had a grim ironic quality, never attained (or perhaps never aspired to) its usual Schubertian grace.

Still, the finale did rise resplendent. Fassbaender found her true tonal richness in an impassioned "O glaube"; Rosalind Plowright added a welcome sensuality, especially as she soared above the stave; and the Philharmonia Chorus were impressive in the hushed hymn, though manifestly understrength to compete at the climax. The orchestra, opening its new season, sounded confident and well-balanced throughout the evening.

Richard Morrison

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

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BL and Fleet Street in the same boat

Interim figures from BL, which despite a marginal improvement are heavy with losses and foreboding, inevitably raise the question whether the company can conceivably become a profitable mass car producer. Austin Rover Group no longer commands first place in the home market and it would require a supreme effort of which it is no longer capable to carve out a significant export market. What, therefore, is BL's probable fate?

In the short run, extending at least to the next general election (late 1987 perhaps), it is safe. The management can continue to do its best in the knowledge that BL is effectively underwritten by the Government; in other words, by the taxpayer. The consequences for unemployment of not sheltering BL are too serious even for dedicated Westminster open marketeers to contemplate.

The general election result will obviously have a bearing on BL's future. A Conservative government would look again at possible alternative strategies. A Labour government would endeavour to guarantee BL, its employees and its nationalized status with import controls on foreign vehicles and an unending stream of money.

The politics of BL should not however, obscure the reality. There is a parallel between motor manufacturing in Britain and national newspaper production. Both are grossly overmanned activities, burdened by restrictive union practices and locked in outdated plants.

Neither industry has the means to buy out its surplus labour on the terms the unions would demand; but without smaller and more highly productive workforces, the companies involved either cannot afford, or lack the incentive, to finance the investment they need to thrive in changed technological and competitive environment.

The two American giants in the United Kingdom, Ford and General Motors, no longer regard this country as a sensible place for major investment. For BL, which has neither the resources nor the international flexibility of its principal competitors, which include the Japanese and the Europeans as well as the Americans, the problems are much more acute. The only rational answer, which also applies to the newspaper industry, is to abandon traditional sites with their built in rigidities annd corrosive practices, in favour of "greenfield" sites where it is possible to make a new start.

Rational, but in BL's case unlikely save perhaps in alliance with another manufacturer. The sums involved in sustaining BL are almost small beer in Treasury terms and could continue to be made available without too much official heartache. BL would gradually wither away but it might take a long time.

If BL remains nationalized (there is no serious prospect of its being privatized as far ahead as it is reasonable to look) the best service a government of either colour could perform might be to give it a clean balance sheet from which the management could operate, and then to take away the Treasury chequebook. As long as management and unions are aware that the State will pay, BL will not make even the modest progress of which it might now be capable.

Defensive salvo in takeover battle

Fleet Holdings, publisher of the *Daily* and *Sunday Express*, *The Star* and the Morgan-Grampian chain of magazines, yesterday issued its "attacking document" in response to the £286 million takeover bid from United Newspapers. But amidst the sound of cannon and shot, the stock market will be more interested in what it does not say than what it does.

Preliminary results for the year to June show that pretax profits rose fromn £22.2 million to £28.5 million, on turnover £42 million higher at £366.6 million. Most, if not all, stops have been pulled out to increase the year's dividend from 5p a share to 8p. Fleet's shares rose precisely one penny to 362p. Why?

Take the national newspaper division first. Profits moved ahead smartly from £6.4 million to £10.5 million. Yet the defence document is strangely silent about the progress, or lack of it, at the *Daily Express*, one of United's principal targets for criticism. It is lumped in with the successful *Star* for the purposes of claiming an increased share of the daily newspaper market. The *Express* share has fallen from 17 to 14 per cent.

Again, the attacking line is that Fleet's local newspapers, ranging from Scotland to the west country, have raised their combined profit by 50 per cent, but from a tiny base of £428,000. Turnover in this division rose by 65 per cent, implying a squeeze on margins, although there were acquisitions.

The group figures became considerably less alluring after tax, as the bulk of the increase in profits has been absorbed by a higher rate of tax.

There is some squabbling between Fleet and United over which asset sales should be included in Fleet's stated earnings per share, but even on the glossiest calculation of 2.1p the United share-exchange offer is 16.9.

Both sides agree that this battle is about the quality of the two groups' managements. David Stevens, United's chairman, has not said who will run the Fleet's national newspapers if the bid is successful, and his own chief executive Gordon Linacre, is 65 years old. If, as seems probable, he intends to promote one of Fleet's existing lieutenants then Lord Matthews is entitled to reply that he is simply buying management rather than replacing it.

In fact the only senior manager of real calibre at Fleet is Mr Irvine whose careful husbandry and ability to count, coupled with the Reuters crock of gold, is the central reason for the group's progress.

The market's reaction to the Fleet broadside suggests that it has made little difference to its thinking: United will find a way of financing a higher offer which would have a chance. Fleet shareholders have little to lose by ignoring next week's deadline on the present bid.

Royal Ordnance flotation falters

It is increasingly likely that the flotation of Royal Ordnance, planned for June next year, will be delayed. Having studied the latest report and accounts, City analysts are far from convinced that the company is ready for privatization. The problem for the Government is that if Royal Ordnance misses its target date, its stock market launch could be lost in the flood of privatizations due for the autumn.

The company's own chief executive, Bill Meekin, admitted yesterday that Royal Ordnance would need "a fair wind" to meet the timetable set by the Government. The company needs to win some large overseas orders for defence equipment, he said. The implication is that if it fails in its current tendering the float could be in jeopardy.

Mr Meekin also said that some further management appointments would be made before privatization, after the arrival of Bryan Basset as chairman. It looks as if other changes will be necessary. Presumably the current loans to directors, albeit small, will cease and assets will be revalued by outsiders.

The accounts indicate that some action is already in train. The board has been cut down with the resignation of two non executive directors and a new divisional structure put in place. These changes have yet to feed through to profits, which fell from £66.4 million in the year to March 1984 to just £633,000 for the following nine months. Even allowing for exceptional items and the change of accounting period, the trend was firmly down. It looks as if the company was thrown off its tracks by the Ministry of Defence's new system of competitive tendering.

IMF challenges Reagan's forecast for US growth

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan, alarmed by polls showing growing national support for protectionism, is attempting to convince a nervous public that the American economy remains strong despite the United States debtor nation status, officials said yesterday.

News of Mr Reagan's campaign surfaced as officials disclosed that the International Monetary Fund, in its highly regarded *World Economic Outlook* to be released next month, is projecting weaker-than-expected US growth of 2.6 per cent this year.

The sombre IMF report, scheduled for release at the annual meeting in Korea, also projects weak growth for all the industrialized economies, which are expected to expand by only 2.8 per cent this year and by just 3.1 per cent next year.

IMF officials meeting last Monday to review international growth, had agreed that the world recovery was showing signs of hesitancy, sources said.

Growth in developing nations is expected to be slightly stronger, expanding by 3 per cent this year and 3.3 per cent next year, according to the IMF forecast.

The fund's bleak report is in sharp contrast to the Reagan Administration's optimistic projections for growth in the second half, put at 5 per cent, and for all of 1985, projected at 3.9 per cent.

In addition, the IMF's assessment contrasts with Mr Reagan's optimistic view, expressed in his televised news conference on Tuesday night, that there is mounting evidence of new strength in the American economy because of his policies "of lower taxes and free and fair trade."

Administration officials said Mr Reagan plans in the weeks ahead to continue his optimistic speeches on the US economy to stem growing pessimism and protectionist sentiments associated with the huge American trade deficit projected at $150 billion this year.

Indeed, at his news conference, Mr Reagan strongly played down the significance of the deficit and of the US status as a debtor nation for the first time since 1914.

Mr Reagan said the US economy was stronger than figure's showed, primarily because of US exports of services and the billions of dollars of foreign capital invested in the US.

Mr Reagan was under the mistaken impression that data on the US balance of payments, the broadest guage of US trade with the rest of the world, does not include these figures.

But Mr Reagan did express his strong concern over the growing tide of protectionism in America, which he said reminded him of the 1930s when Congress passed the Smoot-Hawley Bill which prolonged the Depression.

His remarks were made as Congress renewed its protectionist efforts on Capitol Hill.

The Senate finance committee approved a Bill, which will go before the full Senate, that would place severe trade restrictions on countries which fail to give free market access to US telecommunications products.

Action on a textile quota Bill, which is one of an estimated 300 protectionist Bills pending in Congress, will follow in the next fortnight.



Steven Jobs: planning new computer company

Apple chief resigns in dispute

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

Mr Steven Jobs, the mercurial 30-year-old co-founder and chairman of Apple Computer, has resigned in the wake of a dispute over his plans to form a new computer company.

His break with Apple came after his decision to launch the new venture by hiring five key Apple managers.

In June Mr Jobs was stripped of operating responsibilities at the company in a management reorganization.

Mr Jobs had previously said he would sell about a fifth of his stake in Apple, the second largest personal-computer maker in the United States, for about $20 million (£14 million).

With about 5.5 million shares of Apple left in his portfolio, he remains the company's largest individual shareholder, with about 9 per cent of the 61.8 million shares outstanding.

Mr Jobs, in a letter to the Apple vice-chairman, Mr Mike Marrkkula, said: "The company appears to be adopting a hostile posture towards me and the new venture. Some company representatives have said they fear I will use proprietary Apple technology in my new venture. There is no basis for any such concern."

In reply, Mr Marrkkula said the Apple board was considering what "possible action should be taken to assure protection of Apple's technology and assets."

He added that Mr Jobs had implied "he would not recruit any key personnel for his company."

Mr Jobs and some Apple sources said that Apple company had considered investing in the new computer company. However, the hiring of the new managers was considered as a raid on Apple.

● Apple yesterday reported that it has surprisingly strong sales in July and August and that its back-to-school sales were gaining momentum.

Banker gives profit to charity

By Christopher Dunn

Mr Anthony Solomons, chairman of Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, and the man at the centre of the dispute over British Telecom share underwriting, has paid over his profits from BT's successful flotation to charity. His decision was apparently taken over the weekend and may have been influenced by boardroom embarrassment at Britannia Arrow, part of the old Slater, Walker empire. Whose chairman is Mr Geoffrey Rippon, Conservative MP for Hexham.

It is estimated that Mr Solomons' profits from the sale of BT shares approached £25,000. Mr Solomons stressed that he had acted fairly and honestly throughout the transactions.

Mr Solomons said yesterday: "It was not at all clear that the BT flotation would be a success at the time, and there was a great deal of arm-twisting about taking underwriting. Singer & Friedlander were offered five times the normal amount of underwriting, and I took 50,000 shares.

The shares were sold shortly afterwards, he added. Most applicants for BT shares, at the time of flotation last December, were offered 800 shares, which opened at a 45p premium on the partly-paid offer for sale at 40p.

Last weekend, Singer & Friedlander admitted to an error of judgement in allocating BT shaes to its directors, and revealed that internal rules had been changed to prevent directors and staff from participation in all future placings.

Yesterday, Britannia Arrow shares rose 3p to 110p, just 5p off a high for the year, after the group revealed that interim profits had nearly doubled in the six months to June 30, from last year's £5.3 million to just over £10 million. The interim dividend goes up from 1.1p to 1.2p.

Profits at Singer & Friedlander continued to grow and touched £4.9 million in the face of what Mr Solomons described as severe competition.

Earnings rise may be slowing

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

This year's rise in average earnings could be slowing, the Department of Employment suggests in its latest monthly figures. They also show that employment in manufacturing rose by 4,000 in July.

Pay for the year to July went up by 8.8 per cent, compared with 9.1 per cent for the 12 months to June. But the underlying rate was remarkably steady at 7.5 per cent for the fourteenth successive month.

The figures continue to be distorted by the miners' stake and the two wage settlements in the past year with the miners and civil servants outside industry. The underlying trend is adjusted to take account of back pay and the timing of awards.

Lord Young, the Employment Secretary, welcomed the increase in manufacturing jobs.

But the Department of Employment cautioned against reading too much into July's job figures, saying the underlying picture was of a decline in the numbers employd in manufacturing, albeit at a slower pace than that of 1980-83.

Some evidence that earnings may be rising less quickly comes from the fall in hours of overtime worked in July, from 12.47 million in June to 12.22 million. But the average of 12.26 million for the three months ending in July is well above the 11.6 million for the same period of 1984.

IN BRIEF

Merger plan for society

Britannia, the country's ninth largest building society, is expected to announce plans for a merger with another society within the next two weeks.

Britannia, with assets of over £2.8 billion, announced in July that it was looking for a merger partner with assets of between £500 million and £1.5 billion.

The pace of building society mergers has accelerated recently as societies are gearing up to take advantage of the forthcoming government legislation.

£4.8m takeover

United Newspapers yesterday paid EMAP £4.8 million for its chain of confectionery, tobacconist and newsagents shops, trading as Readwell and Gallery Cards. Turnover of the chain last year was £13.8 million and profits were £272,000. Its book value is £1.4 million.

General Electric of the US is setting up a new organization in London to serve its customers for medical diagnostic imaging equipment in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. General Electric Medical Systems-Europe will be operational on November 1.

Woolworth up

Woolworth Holdings, increased interim profits before tax and exceptional items to £7.5 million from £600,000. Pretax profits fell from £52.4 million to £9.9 million. Turnover rose to £769.4 million from £677.8 million. The interim dividend is up 3p from 1.75p.

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£18m St Ives

St Ives, a printing group, is coming to the stock market via tender offer. A third of the equity is on offer at a minimum tender price of 290p a share, capitalizing the company at £18.3 million. Tempus, page 21

Cocksedge halt

Cocksedge, the Ipswich-based engineer which has not made a profit since 1979, has called in the receiver. At the suspension price fo 36p yesterday the company was capitalized at £504,000.

Evered option

Evered, the engineering group, has exercised its option to buy 4.25 million shares (or 7.1 per cent) in TI bought on its behalf by its merchant bank, Robert Fleming.

Reuters to press SE on Instinet

By Our City Staff

Mr David Ure, the manager of Reuters Europe, will today take his team to the Stock Exchange to argue the case for Instinet, the automatic dealing system for which Reuters has sole European rights.

Reuters would like the Stock Exchange to adopt Instinet but the Stock Exchange is still insisting that whatever the merits of the technology, it wishes to remain in control of the dealing system.

Yesterday differnces between the two parties were underlined when Reuters launched a new prices information service on international equities, an extension of its Monitor service. Thirty market makers will be supplying information to Reuters but the Stock Exchange is insisting that its members do not put their prices on to the multi-contributor pages which allow instant comparison of prices. Instead, members must put their prices on separate, private pages.

Initially the Reuters service will cover 66 international stocks. The number is expected to rise to around 150 fairly quickly. One information provider, European Banking Co, is actually providing prices for four British stocks.

United Biscuits buys US firm for £55m

United Biscuits is to pay £55 million for a United States company that specializes in olives. The company, Early California Olives, made pretax profits of $10.1 million (7.5 million in the year to March and is increasing its share of the US olive market, which is estimated to be growing at between 2 and 3 per cent a year.

The biscuit company has been having difficulties with its US operations and in the half-year to July its trading profits from North America fell by £3.2 million to £16.4 million. It has been hit by intense competition on the US cookie market and has been trying to compensate by increasing its involvement in the savouries business.

The purchase is being funded by the issue of more than 18 million new United Biscuits shares and up to £25 million in cash. The shares are being placed at 166p, a discount to yesterday's opening price of 179p.

Early California Olives is a subsidary of Early California Industries, a US-quoted company which has been trying to realize some fo its assets because of financial difficulties.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1000.8 (−1.9)
FT All Share	628.98 (−0.45)
FT Govt Securities	83.25 (unchgd)
FT-SE 100	1294.8 (−1.2)
Bargains	20,596
Datastream USM	106.60 (−0.23)
New York	
Dow Jones	1289.64 (−8.51)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,529.66 (−61.85)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1563.62 (−5.78)
Amsterdam: Gen	220.0 (unchgd)
Sydney: AO	953.4 (−8.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1541.1 (+7.1)
Brussels:	
General	472.65 (+16.26)
Paris: CAC	218.0 (+0.2)
Zurich:	
SKA General	413.90 (−2.00)

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London fixing:
am $315.50pm-$316.25
close $314.75-$315.25
New York:
Comex $314.55

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Audiotronic	4½p +1½p
Central & Sheerwood	6½p +1p
Armstong Equipt.	57p +9p
Kode Int.	105p +15p
Consultants (C&F)	60p +8p
Falcon Res.	60p +7p
Apricot Comp.	87p +8p
Hambros L/V	170p +15p
CPU Comp.	38p +3p
Cluff Oil	38p +3p
A. Caird	39p +3p
Radio City "A" N/V	28p +2p
Barham Grp.	141p +10p
Alm Grp.	118p +8p
Polly Peck Int.	213p +14p
Barratt Dev.	100p +6p
Williams Hldgs.	373p +22p
Milletts Leisure	170p +10p
Rotaflex	183p +10p
John Kent	57p +3p

FALLS:

Bespak	160p −66p
Hugh Mackay	76p −11p
Micro Focus Grp.	130p −10p
Jones & Shipman	71p −5p
British Syphon	135p −9p
HB Elec. Compnt.	48p −3p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.33047(−0.0070)
£: DM 3.8775 (+0.0048)
£: SwFr 3.1944 (−0.0072)
£: FFr 11.8076 (−0.0002)
£: Yen 323.01 (−1.22)
£ Index: 81.1 (unchanged).
New York:
£: $1.3335
$: DM 2.9087
$ Index: 140.6 (+0.6)
ECU £0.574735
SDR £0.759460

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11 ½%
3-month interbank 11⅜-11⅞%
3-month eligible bills buying rate 11⅝-11⅜
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 7¾
3-month Treasury Bills 7.10-7.08%
30 year bond price 99 11/32-99 1/32; yield

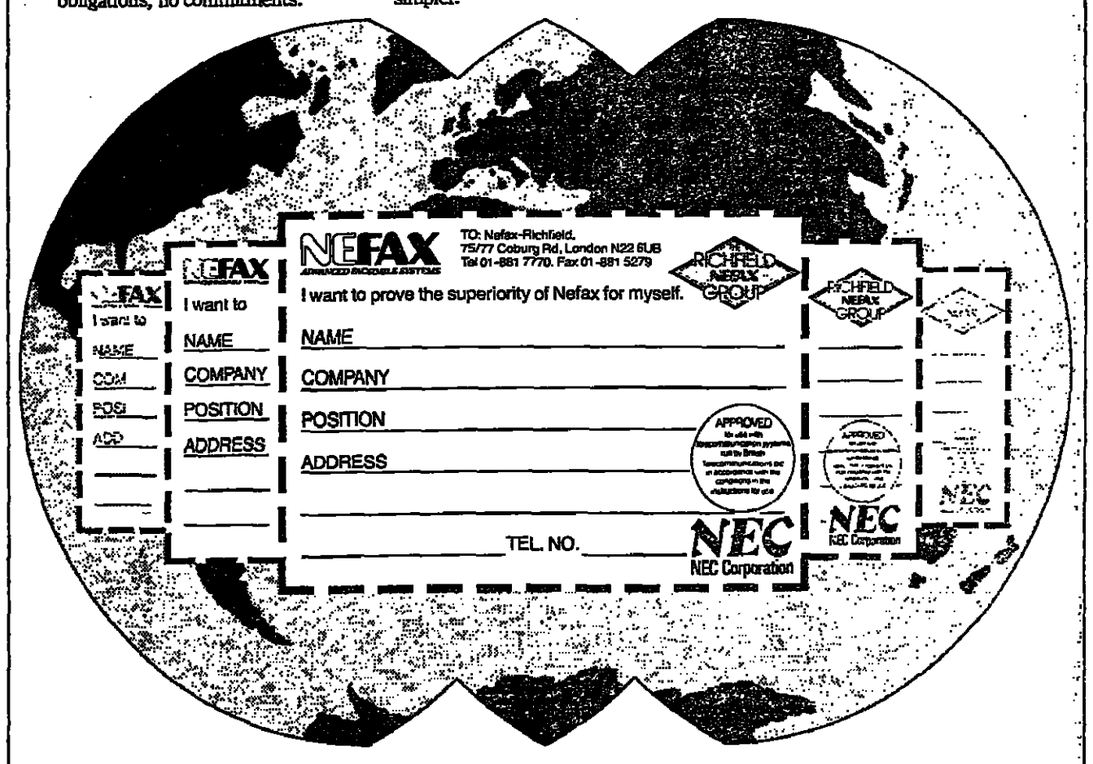
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AMR	38⅝	41½
Allied Corp	43	42⅞
Allied Stores	54	54⅝
Allis Chalmers	3⅜	3⅜
Alcoa	33⅞	33⅝
Amax Inc	14¼	14⅜
Amerada Hess	26	26⅛
Am Brands	57⅞	57⅝
Am Broadcast	115¾	116
Am Can	54	55⅞
Am Cyanamid	50⅝	51⅛
Am Elec Power	20⅛	20⅛
Am Express	41⅛	42⅜
Am Home	58⅛	58⅜
Am Hospital	47⅛	47⅛
Am Motors	3⅛	3⅛
Am Standard	28⅞	28⅛
Am Telephone	20⅝	21
Amoco	63⅛	62⅞
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅛
Asarco	22⅞	22⅛
Ashland Oil	33¾	33½
Atlntic Richfield	59⅝	59⅝
Avon Products	23⅝	23⅛
Bankers Tst NY	62⅝	61⅛
Bankamerica	13⅝	13⅜
Bank of Boston	45	48
Bank of NY	39⅛	40⅜
Bearrice Foods	33¼	34⅜
Bethlehem Steel	16⅞	16⅞
Boeing	45¼	48⅛
Boise Cascade	43⅜	45¼
Borden	37⅛	38
Borg Warner	29⅝	30⅛
Bristol Myers	56⅛	57⅜
BP	27⅛	28⅛
Burlington Ind	27½	26⅛
Burlington Nthn	60½	60⅜
Burroughs	62⅜	63½
Campbell Soup	37⅛	37½
Canadian Pacific	12⅛	12⅜
Caterpillar	34⅜	33¾
Celanese	113⅞	113⅞
Central SW	23⅝	23½
Champion	21⅞	21⅞
Chase Manhat	52⅛	52
Chem Bank NY	36	35½
Chevron	35⅝	35⅛
Chrysler	36⅜	37¼
Chicorp	40⅝	41¼
Clark Equip	31	31
Coca Cola	68⅞	69⅛
Colgate	26⅜	26½
CBS	113¼	117⅛
Columbia Gas	33⅞	33½
Combustion Eng	24	25½
Comwith Edison	29¼	29½
Cons Edison	33⅝	33½
Cons Nat Gas	40⅛	40
Cons Power	7⅛	7⅛
Control Data	17⅞	20½
Corning Glass	44⅛	45½
CPC Intl	44¼	43⅜
Crane	36⅝	36½
Crown Zeller	37⅜	37½
Dart & Kraft	34	36¼
Deere	26	25¼
Delta Air	41⅛	43⅞
Detroit Edison	15⅝	15⅝
Digital Equip	104½	106½
Disney	83¾	82½
Dow Chemical	34⅛	34⅛
Dresser Ind	19⅛	19⅛
Duke Power	30¾	30½
Du Pont	55⅝	58½
Eastern Air	9⅛	9⅞
Eastman Kodak	42⅝	43
Eaton Corp	53⅜	53
Emerson Elect	69⅞	69¾
Evans Prod	1¾	1¾
Exxon Corp	50	50¾
Fed Dept Stores	54⅝	55½
Firestone	19⅝	19⅝
Fst Chicago	21⅛	21⅞
Fst Infrst Bncp	46½	47
Fst Penn Corp	6⅝	6⅝
Ford	44	44⅞
GAF Corp	33⅞	34½
GTE Corp	39⅝	39⅝
Gen Corp	44	44½
Gen Dynamics	70⅝	71½
Gen Electric	59	59⅝
Gen Foods	85⅛	83⅞
Gen Mills	56½	56⅞
Gen Motors	67⅞	69
Gen Pub Utd NY	12⅜	13
Genesco	3½	3⅝
Georgia Pacific	21⅞	21⅝
Gillette	59⅝	59⅞
Goodrich	31½	31½
Goodyear	27⅛	27½
Gould Inc	28⅛	26⅝
Grace	41½	41⅞
Gt Atltc & Pacific	16⅝	16
Greyhound	27⅛	27⅛
Grumman Corp	34⅜	34⅝
Gulf & West	40⅝	41½
Heinz H. J.	55½	56
Hercules	34⅞	35
Hewlett-Pkrd	33⅝	32⅜
Honeywell	62½	62⅝
IC Inds	32⅝	32
Ingersoll	50⅞	51
Inland Steel	24⅞	24½
IBM	126⅞	128½
Int Harvester	7⅞	8⅛
INCO	13½	13¼
Int Paper	48¼	48½
Int Tel Tel	32⅛	33½
Irving Bank	33	34½
Jim Walter	33	34⅛
Johnson & John	43½	43
Kaiser Alumn	17¾	17⅜
Kerr McGee	29⅛	29¼
Kimberly Clark	60	60⅛
K Mart	31	31⅛
Kroger	43¼	43½
L.T.V. Corp	7	7⅛
Litton	76½	78⅛
Lockheed	48⅛	49¾
Lucky Stores	23	22⅛
Manuf Hanover	34½	34½
Marrville Cp	5½	5⅝
Mapco	35⅛	36
Marine Midland	31¼	31½
Martin Marietta	33⅜	33⅝
Masco	31½	31
McDonnell	70⅝	72⅛
Mead	38⅝	38½
Merck	110⅝	111½
Minnesota Mng	75⅛	76
Mobil Oil	28⅛	28¼
Monsanto	46⅛	47⅞
Morgan J. P.	44¼	45⅛
Motorola	32½	33⅛
NCR Corp	31½	31
NL Industries	11⅛	11⅛
Nat Distillers	32⅛	32⅝
Nat Med Ent	24	24½
Norfolk South	67⅜	67⅞
NW Bancorp	24⅛	24½
Occidental Pet	30⅝	30⅞
Ogden	30⅛	30½
Olin Corp	31⅛	31
Owens-Illinois	45⅝	46½
Pacific Gas Elec	18	18
Pan Am	7⅛	7⅞
Penney J. C.	48	46½
Pennzoil	46	45½
Pepsico	58½	58⅛
Pfizer	44¼	45⅛
Phelps Dodge	19⅝	20⅛
Philip Morris	77⅛	76⅛
Phillips Petrol	11⅜	11⅝
Polaroid	30⅛	31⅛
PPG Ind	44⅛	44⅛
Procter Gamble	57⅞	58⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	28	28½
Raytheon	49⅝	49⅜
RCA Corp	49¾	42⅞
Reynolds Ind	26	25⅝
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Rockwell Int	37⅝	38½
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Safeways	30⅝	30⅛
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SFE Sopac	31⅝	31⅞
SCM	72⅛	72⅛
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Scott Paper	42⅝	42½
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Sears Roebuck	34	34⅝
Shell Trans	36⅝	37⅛
Signal Co	42⅝	42¼
Singer	34	33⅝
Smithkline Beck	64	65⅛
Sony	15	15⅛
Sn Cal Edison	24	23⅛
Sperry Corp	48⅞	48⅛
Std Oil Ohio	44¼	44½
Sterling Drug	31⅝	31½
Stevens J. P.	24⅝	25
Sun Comp	45⅛	45⅛
Teledyne	239½	239½
Tenneco	38⅝	39⅛
Texaco	35	35
Texas East Corp	32⅝	32⅛
Texas Inst	93⅝	93½
Texas Utilities	27	27
Textron	50⅞	50⅝
Travelers Corp	40¼	40⅝
TRW Inc	76	75½
UAL Inc	48⅝	52⅜
Union Carbide	53	53½
Unocal	28	28¼
Un Pacific Corp	45⅝	46⅛
Unroyal	21⅝	21½
United Brands	21⅛	21½
US Steel	29	29⅞
Utd Technol	38	38⅝
Wachovia	31⅝	31⅝
Warner Lambert	38¼	38⅛
Wells Fargo	51⅝	52½
Westinghse Elec	37⅞	38
Weyerhaeuser	27⅞	27⅞
Whirlpool	45⅛	45
Woolworth	47⅜	48
Xerox Corp	50⅝	51
Zenith	16¼	17⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	20½	20⅛
Alcan Alumin	34⅞	35⅛
Algoma Steel	17⅞	18⅛
Bell Telephone	41⅜	42¼
Can Pacific	16⅝	17
Comnco	12¾	12⅝
Cons Bathurst	15½	16⅛
Gulf Oil	19⅞	19⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	19¼	19⅛
Hudson Bay Min	6¼	6¼
Imasco	24⅛	24
Imperial Oil	48½	49½
Int Pipe	42¼	42½
Mass.-Fergan	3.25	3.25
Royal Trustco	20⅜	21
Seagram	52⅝	54½
Steel Co	20¾	20¼
Thomson N 'A'	20½	21½
Walker Hiram	31½	31¼
WCT	15⅞	16½

● Ex div. a Asked c Ex distribution. b Bid. k Market closed = New issue p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Dow slide continues

New York (Agencies) – The market headed lower in active early trading on the New York Stock Exchange *yesterday*, as its slide stretched into the seventh session.

Analysts have said any advance is unlikely until stock index futures and options expire at the end of the week.

The Dow Jones industrial average, was down 4.59 to 1,293.57 at 11am.

The NYSE index was down 0.31 to 104.58 and the price of an average share was down nine cents.

Declines led advances 798-494

First-hour big board volume amounted to about 28.04 million shares (22.69 million).

On the trading floor, Portland General Electric was the most-active NYSE-listed issue, down ½ to 18⅞. City Investing Company followed, unchanged at 76⅜.

American Express was third, down ½ to 40¾.

Richardson Vicks fell 2⅞ to 47⅛

Control Data rose ½ to 18⅛ after plummeting 2⅞ on Tuesday when it said it would not proceed with the closing of its 100 million preferred stock offering and its 200 million notes offering.

Among other technologies, IBM gained ⅛ to 127 and Digital Equipment ⅛ to 104⅝.

COMMODITIES

A bearish sentiment seized the metals markets yesterday in difficult trading conditions. While actual price movements on the day were mixed, the combined effect of currencies, stocks, falling demand and a generally disinflationary environment is to go short.

By contrast, the softs picture was a bit brighter. Sugar was weaker again, but coffee and cocoa both rose. Financials were quieter

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.

G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER (All Sellers)
Oct 580
Nov 580
Dec 600
Jan ..... Unq
Feb ..... Unq
Mar ..... Unq
Apr ..... Unq
May ..... Unq
Jun ..... Unq
Oct/Dec .580
Jan/Mar ..... Unq
Apr/Jun ..... Unq
Vol ..... Nil

SUGAR (Raw)
Oct 138.6–36.2
Dec 143.2–43.0
Mar 153.2–52.8
May 156.8–56.6
Aug 163.0–62.6
Oct 168.8–8.6
Vol 2433

SUGAR (White) No.5 at 1625
Dec ..... Unq
Mar ..... Unq
May ..... Unq
Aug ..... Unq
Oct ..... Unq
Dec ..... Unq
Mar ..... Unq
Vol 69

COCOA
Sep 1755–61
Dec 8103–02
Mar 1827–26
May 1844–40
July 1852–46
Sep 1850–52
Dec 1857–55
Vol 482/2930

COFFEE
Sep 1686–82
Nov 1715–10
Jan 1740–38
Mar 1768–67
May 1800–1795
Jul 1838–1815
Sep 1860–1830
Vol 198/3759

SOYABEAN
Oct 124.8–23.0
Dec 126.4–25.0
Feb 129.8–29.2
Apr 130.8–30.0
Jun 130.6–30.0
Aug 132.0–30.0
Oct 134.0–30.0
Vol 379

GAS OIL
Oct 246.75–46.00
Nov 242.00–42.75
Dec 239.00–38.75
Jan 236.50–36.25
Feb 232.00–31.25
Mar 233.00–22.00
Apr 216.50–15.50
May 225.00–25.00
Jun 230.00–195.00
Vol .1,791

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures

Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce

Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 1008.50-1009.50
Three months 1033.50-1034.00
Vol 12550
Tone ..... Barely steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 992.50-993.50
Three months 1017.00-1018.00
Vol 250
Tone ..... Quiet

TIN STANDARD
Cash 9163-9165
Three months 9113-9114
Vol 335
Tone ..... Steady

TIN HIGH-GRADE
Cash 9163-9165
Three months 9118-9120
Vol 15
Tone ..... Quiet

LEAD
Cash 287.00-288.00
Three months 304.50-305.00
Vol 4275
Tone ..... Steady

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 512.00-513.00
Vol 250
Tone ..... Quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 513.00-514.00
Three months 520.00-521.00
Vol 1950
Tone ..... Barely steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 440.5-441.5
Three months 453.0-454.0
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash 440.5-441.5
Three months 453.0-454.0
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 732.00-733.00
Three months 755.00-756.00
Vol 4400
Tone ..... Steady

NICKEL
Cash 3340-3345
Three months 3405-3400
Vol 458
Tone ..... Steady

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Sep	100.0	Expired
Oct	110.0	110.0
Nov	104.9	104.0
Jan	96.0	96.0
Feb	94.0	94.0
Mar	100.0	100.0
Apr	100.0	100.0
May	100.0	100.0
Jun	98.0	98.0
Jly	95.0	95.0
Aug	100.0	100.0
	Pig meat p. per kilo	Vol.0
Month	Open	Close
Oct	115.5	115.8
Nov	117.0	116.8
Feb	103.3	103.5
Apr	104.3	103.9
Jun	102.9	102.5
Aug	101.5	101.3
		Vol.166

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	52.80	52.30
Feb	64.00	–
Apr	80.50	80.60
May	86.00	86.50
		Vol.289

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Oct 85	846.0-843.0	846.0
Jan 86	890.0-880.0	884.0
Apr 86	947.0-945.0	947.0
Jul 86	975.0-970.0	975.0
Oct 86	–	957.5
Jan 87	1000-1000	1000.00
Apr 87	–	1025.0
Jul 87	979.0-980.0	980.0

Spot: 765.
Vol : 94.

The figures for Meat and Livestock Commission and London Grain Futures refer to Monday's trading.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 16.

GB: Cattle, 94.46p per kg lw (+0.35).
GB: Sheep, 149.32p per kg est d c w (+5.87).
GB: Pigs, 82.61p per kg lw (+0.73).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 6.8 per cent, ave. price, 94.59p (+0.53).
Sheep nos. down 6.6 per cent, ave. price, 150.50p (+5.81).
Pig nos. down 5.7 per cent, ave. price, 82.69p (+0.71).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 27.8 per cent, ave. price, 93.63p (–0.78).
Sheep nos. down 0.3 per cent, ave. price, 143.97p (+7.98).
Pig nos. up 22.1 per cent, ave. price, 79.08p (+0.82).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Sept	£105.50	£103.60
Nov	£105.45	£104.85
Jan	£108.40	£108.20
Mar	£111.40	£111.20
May	£114.55	£114.10
Jly	£116.50	–
Volume:		
Wheat		520
Barley		119

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Caution was the keyword yesterday as the market continued to wait for the key "flash" estimate of the US third-quarter GNP tomorrow.

Sterling had opened more than a cent down as the dollar extended its overnight advance in New York. But the dollar gradually drifted back and the pound's loss was finally reduced to 70 points at 1.3347.

The pound remained firm on the Continent as high British interest rates continued to underpin the currency in the face of downward pressures on oil prices.

Marks, for example, eased from 3.8727 to 3.8775.

At the close, the effective exchange-rate index was unchanged at 81.1, having been down to 80.6

In thin trading, the dollar recovered to its firmer opening levels against Continentals after a mid-session downturn.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range	Market rates close	1 month	3 months
	September 18	September 18		
New York	$1.3285-1.3415	$1.3340-1.3355	0.36-0.36c prem	1.03-1.00c prem
Montreal	$1.8340-1.8482	$1.8397-1.8421	0.46-0.37c prem	1.09-0.95c prem
Amsterdam	4.3435-4.3641f	4.3515-4.3604f	2¼-2c prem	6¾-5¾c prem
Brussels	78.04-78.46f	78.27-78.42f	22-15c prem	52-38c prem
Copenhagen	13.9920-14.0990k	14.0156-14.0380k	3½-2½ore prem	8¾-7¾ore prem
Dublin	1.2430-1.2477p	1.2461-1.2471p	26-11p prem	67-49p prem
Frankfurt	3.8572-3.8847m	3.8735-3.8810m	2¾-2⅝pf prem	6¾-6¼pf prem
Lisbon	228.00-234.10e	230.87-233.80e	85-45c disc	415-415e disc
Madrid	229.20-230.25p	229.20-229.55p	per-35p disc	20-120p disc
Milan	2587.50-2600.50lr	2596.95-2603.88lr	per-3lr disc	6-10lr disc
Oslo	11.2850-11.3293k	11.3033-11.3253k	½-1½ore disc	2¾-3½ore disc
Paris	11.7560-11.8250f	11.7959-11.8192f	½-1½c prem	2½-1½c prem
Stockholm	11.3540-11.4025k	11.3699-11.3818k	½-¾ore disc	1½-1½ore disc
Tokyo	321.49-324.17y	322.76-323.26y	1½-1¼y prem	4¼-3¾y prem
Vienna	27.09-27.25sch	27.09-27.13sch	15½-13½gro prem	42½-38½gro prem
Zurich	3.1757-3.1908f	3.1816-3.1872f	2-1½c prem	5½-5c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was unchanged at $1.1 (day's range $0.5-$1.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	105.96-107.18
Australia dollar	1.9560-1.9604
Bahrain dinar	0.5020-0.5060
Brazil cruzeiro	9874.00-10029.30
Cyprus pound	0.7950-0.8060
Finland marka	8.1375-8.1775
Greece drachma	185.50-187.70
Hong Kong dollar	10.434-10.445
India rupee	16.40-16.60
Iraq dinar	–
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4060-0.4100
Malaysia dollar	3.8321-3.8374
Mexico peso	490-515
New Zealand dollar	2.5238-2.5404
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.8620-4.9020
Singapore dollar	2.9410-2.9488
South Africa rand	1.727-1.73
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.8700-4.9100

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0680-1.0700
Singapore	2.2030-2.0390
Malaysia	2.4960-2.4980
Australia	0.6815-0.6825
Canada	1.380-1.3780
Sweden	8.5100-8.5200
Norway	8.4730-8.4830
Denmark	10.4870-10.4970
West Germany	2.9060-2.9080
Switzerland	2.3900-2.3920
Netherlands	3.2830-3.2860
France	8.8800-8.8900
Japan	241.95-242.10
Italy	1947.0-1950.0
Belgium(Comm)	58.67-58.77
Hong Kong	7.8160-7.8180
Portugal	173-174
Spain	170.70-170.90
Austria	20.19-20.23

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exist. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Light routine trading left period rates a shade firmer yesterday, largely reflecting the disappointing performance lately of sterling

Day-to-day money stayed comparatively cheap. It remained at about 11⅞-10⅞ per cent for most of the morning and then eased to 9-8 per cent soon after midday. It registered 13-11 per cent towards the close, then finished at about 11 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight High 11¾ Low 7
Week fixed 11¼-11⅛

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 months 11¼ / 2 months 11⅜
3 months 11⅛ / 3 months 11

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅜-11⅜ 2 months 11¼-11⅜
3 months 11⅜-11⅜ 6 months 10⅞-10⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅜ 2 months 11⅛
3 months 11⅜ 6 months 11⅛

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11¼-10⅝ close 11
1 week 11⅛-11⅜ 6 months 11⅛-11⅝
1 month 11⅛-11⅜ 9 months 11⅛-11¼
3 months 11⅛-11⅜ 12 months 11⅛-11¼

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11¼ 7 days 11¼
1 month 11⅛ 3 months 11⅛
6 months 11¼ 12 months 10⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12¼-12 2 months 11⅞-11⅝
3 months 11⅞-11⅝ 6 months 11⅜-11⅛
9 months 11⅛-11⅛ 12 months 11⅛-11⅛

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11⅞-11⅝ 3 months 11⅞-11⅝
6 months 11⅜-11⅛ 12 months 11⅛-10⅝

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.00-7.90 3 months 8.10-8.00
6 months 8.30-8.20 12 months 8.70-8.60

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 8⅛-7⅛ call 8-7
3 months 8⅛-8 1 month 8⅛-7⅛
6 months 8⅛-8 6 months 8⅛-8
Deutschmark
7 days 4⅛-4 call 5-4
3 months 4¼-4⅛ 1 month 4⅞-4⅝
6 months 4¼-4⅛ 6 months 4⅞-4⅝
French Franc
7 days 9⅛-9 call 10-9
3 months 9⅛-8⅞ 1 month 9⅜-9⅛
6 months 9⅛-8⅞ 6 months 9⅜-9⅛
Swiss Franc
7 days 1⅛-1 call 2⅞-1⅝
3 months 4⅝-4½ 1 month 4⅞-4⅝
6 months 4⅝-4½
Yen
7 days 8⅛-8 call 6¼-5½
3 months 9⅛-8⅝ 1 month 8⅝-8⅛
6 months 9⅛-8⅝

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$319.00-320.25 (£238.00-239.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$75.50-76.50 (£56.25-57.25)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 7 August, 1985, to 3 September, 1985, inclusive:
11.574 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	89.05	89.06	88.96	89.04	2090
Mar 86	89.35	89.37	89.31	89.35	111
Jun 86	89.40	89.40	89.33	89.39	24
Sep 86	89.40	89.40	89.40	89.44	9
Previous day's total open interest 6141					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.44	91.44	91.37	91.38	3129
Mar 86	91.09	91.09	91.03	91.03	258
Jun 86	90.74	90.75	90.67	90.68	127
Sep 86	90.40	90.42	90.35	90.35	32
Previous day's total open interest 17507					
US Treasury Bond					
Sep 85	76-18	76-18	75-05	76-04	97
Dec 85	75-02	75-07	74-23	74-25	2260
Mar 86	NT			73-23	0
Previous day's total open interest 2506					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	97-42	97-45	97-40	97-41	647
Mar 86	NT			97-56	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 1008					
Long Gilt					
Sep 85	NT			111-18	0
Dec 85	111-14	111-22	111-13	111-20	1336
Mar 86	NT			111-30	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 3620					
FT-SE 100					
Sep 85	128.70	129.85	128.70	129.70	256
Dec 85	130.00	130.40	129.90	130.40	133
Previous day's total open interest 1746					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
101	87	Alba	95		2.6	2.8	...
688	580	Alliance	688	●	26.1e	4.2	...
155	118	Aster Trust	134		4.8	3.5	...
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	294		8.1	3.6	...
194	152	Atlantic	187		4.95e	3.2	...
120	88	Atlantic Assets	107		3.6	3.7	...
102	85	Bankers	98		3.6e	3.8	...
194	152	Barry	184		4.4e	2.9	...
178	152	Border & Shire	157		5.7	3.8	...
215	190	Br Assets	208		9.9e	4.9	...
31½	28	Br Empire Sec	31		1.3	4.2	...
370	295	British Inv	365		20.5	5.8	...
75	64	Brunner	73		3.1e	4.5	...
89	72	Charter Agency	77		4.2e	4.2	...
555	525	Continental	533		26.6	4.7	...
178	119	Cresmont Japan	170		1.1	1.9	...
485	385	Delta	390				...
109	97	Derby Inc	106		10.9	10.4	...
108	95	Dr Cap	106				...
297	264	Drayton Cons	294		12.4e	4.2	...
148	112	Drayton Far East	121		1.8	1.5	...
429	348	Drayton Japan	390		3.6e	1.0	...
427	348	Drayton Prem	390		20.7e	4.9	...
183	150	Dundee Lon	172		7.4e	4.3	...
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	104		0.6	0.6	...
117	75	Edinburgh	112		4.1	3.6	...
282	254	Electra Gen	271		5.1	1.8	...
127	114	English Int	120		5.0	4.2	...
78	68	English Scot	73		1.3	2.5	...
109½	78	Ensign NY	104		3.6	3.4	...
97	78	F&C Alliance	97		3.4	3.5	...
134	122	F&C Pacific	128		5.4	4.2	...
238	185	Family	238		11.3e	4.8	...
279	235	First Scot Amer	279		12.0e	4.3	...
135	120	First Un Gen	130		6.7	5.1	...
500	435	Fleming American	445		7.5	1.7	...
290	235	Fleming Claver	282		12.8	4.7	...
290	258	Fleming Enterprise	288		11.4	4.0	...
109	78	Fleming Far East	77½		1.4	1.8	...
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	106		3.6	3.4	...
500	415	Fleming Japan	448		8.7	1.4	...
129	105	Fleming Mercantile	124		3.5	2.8	...
134	104	Fleming Overseas	126		3.5	3.7	...
163	130	Fleming Tech	125		3.5	2.8	...
284	227	Fleming Universal	282		10.1	3.6	...
74	59	Fst Cal	61½		2.0e	3.3	...
121	92	GBC Capital	98				...
195	115	GT Japan	139		2.0e	1.4	...
124	97	General Funds	120		2.7	2.3	...
251	200	General Cons	248		14.5e	5.7	...
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	110	●	2.9e	2.7	...
101	87	Alba	95		2.6	2.8	...
688	580	Alliance	688	●	26.1e	4.2	...
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares recover to hold index above the 1,000 level

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares again resisted the sub-1,000 points pull yesterday, but only just. For the third time within two weeks the *FT* 30 share index drifted below the 1,000 points level but managed to recover to four figures before the market closed.

At one time the index was down to 997.9 points. But at the last calculation it was standing at 1,000.8 points. The 100 strong *FT* SE share index, down 6.4 points in early trading, finished 1.2 points lower at 1,294.8 points.

A modest degree of American buying and some old fashioned bargain hunting helped the market regain a little enthusiasm. Takeover speculation also created some trade.

There were, however, some chunky lines of stock around. **Courtaulds, Trusthouse Forte** and **Midland Bank** were among the shares which were available. Most offerings were cleared.

Imperial Group, the subject of Tuesday's excitment on suggestions of a bid from the **Bond Corporation**, eased just 1p to 195p. Apparently an unnamed Bond director denied from Perth any bid intention. Mr Alan Bond, chairman, and the other senior executives are in Hawaii closeted in a "think tank" meeting.

Watch the shares of H.P. Bulmer, the cider group which suffered a sharp profits decline last year. Analysts journey to the company's Hereford headquarters tomorrow for their regular update. The company is on the recovery tack and City profit forecasts, currently about £12 million, could be lifted. The shares held at 147p yesterday.

Guest Keen & Nettlefolds was the star *FT* index constituent, gaining 7p to 234p, largely on dividend considerations. In a market short of stock there was some modest buying.

Government stocks had an uneven session, at one time achieving gains of up to £¼ but finishing mixed.

Shares in **Hambros Bank** made a sudden rush ahead, the price rising 15p to 170p and encouraging old hopes of a takeover bid for the company. But deputy chairman Mr Rupert Hambro says such ideas are "ludicrous", especially since his family controls 49.9 per cent of the votes in the bank.

"We know of no specific reason for the share price movement, but we have heard the market is short of stock in our 'heavy' voting shares and has switched to the L/V instead. Our shares were lagging behind the sector, and that may have brought buyers in", said Mr Hambro.

Will Barratt Developments, the housebuilder, cut its dividend when it reports next week? Mr Angus Phaure of Fielding, Newson-Smith & Co, the broker, thinks it will hold the payment. But he is bullish about the shares and sees them heading towards 140p. Yesterday they rose 6p to 100p. Mr Phaure believes next week's profits will be about £5 million, with £20 million in the present year and perhaps £50 million next year.

The good trading news from **Britannia Arrow** looked like another spur to the Hambros price, and **Guinness Peat** – another bid favourite among speculators – also gained 3p to 72p. Britannia shares were 3p better at 110p.

On the insurance pitches, the **Legal & General Group** share price jumped 25p to 669p alongside the profits statement, and pennies were added to the prices of other life assurance groups. Composite insurers were similarly enlivened by rises of between 2p and 6p.

Rank Organisation edged another 10p higher to 408p. The shares have benefitted this week from steady buying by institutions. The big investors got an optimistic view of the group at a meeting at a City broking firm at the end of last week.

United Biscuits slipped just 3p to 176p as two leading broking firms placed 18 million shares at 166p to pay for the group's acquisition in California. Rowe & Pitman and Wook Mackenzie handled the placing, and all went smoothly apparently, even though it is not many months since the £98 million rights issue in the shares.

Bernard Mathews shares rose to 505p at one stage before settling for a 15p gain at 495p. The meat products group is one of he flavours of the month in the City, even though chairman Mr Bernard Matthews announced yesterday that he and his family has sold more than 2.1 million shares at 450p.

Most of the stock has gone to institutional investors, leaving the Matthews family with control of 40 per cent of the company, against 53.2 per cent previously. Mr Matthews has undertaken to sell no more sares for at last 18 months.

Elsewhere on the foods pitches **S & W Berisford** found buying support in late trade. market men described it as largely speculative buying, but for once it did not seem linked to hopes that Berisford has sold its stake in **Ranks Hovis MacDougall**. The RHM price was unchanged at 148p.

City speculation centres mor on hopes of property sales by Berisford, or perhaps restructuring of the foods to commodities group. There is even talk of a turn round in the fortunes of British Sugar.

Davy Corporation rose 3p to 114p as the City got confirmation of one of the big contracts expected for the construction group. Davy is to build an acid plant for B P Chemicals, and the deal is reckoned to be worth more than £100 million. The group also has chances of winning a £500 million contract in the Soviet Union later this year, and there is plenty more in the shares, say City analysts.

Suter, the group headed by Mr David Abell, went 8p better to 154p – the deferred stock rising 7p to 142p – as the City grows enthusiastic about the company. From an engineering to packaging and distribution profile, market men are beginning to rate Suter more highly as a growing industrial holding company.

A. Caird, the little Scottish property company, rose 3p to 39p as Cardiff Property and friends disclosed a 13 per cent shareholding.

Distillers Co, where Argyll Group has signalled a hope to bid, gained 1p to 386p. The group's yearly shareholders meeting takes place today

Williams Holdings, the specialist engineer, climbed 22p to 373p in active trading. The shares, which have risen 40p this week are now at a record high.

Armstrong Equipment continued to reflect its sharp profit improvement and rose a further 9p to 57½p. **Belgrave Holdings** responded to doubled profits with a 12p rise to 92p. **Whitworth Electric** improved 10p to 100p on hopes that Suter will mount a bid.

Arden & Cobden, the little hotel group where Mr Henry Edwards has acquired control, raced ahead a further 92p to 805p.

On the electricals pitches, **Kode International** recouped some of Tuesday's losses, rising 15p to 105p. The shares were hit by a hefty fall in interim pretax profits.

CASE Group also moved higher, up 7p at 144p. The shares are being lifted by recovery/takeover hopes, having hit bottom in the last Account.

Stanley Leisure Organisation, which has been contemplating a USM launch for 18 months, has emerged as a 7.7 per cent shareholder in Rex Williams Leisure, the snooker group. RWL shares edged ahead to 22p yesterday. Stanley has betting shop, casino and football pool interests.

Plessey held its ground at 136p after another lunch in the City. The electronics group was at Wood Mackenzie, and the City firm was saying "no change" afterwards. WM sticks to a £172 million forecast for this year, somewhat above other estimates.

● Imperial Group dominated the traded options market yesterday as expectations of a stake-building operation in the shares stayed high. Total volume for Imps was 2,236 contracts, of which more than 2,000 were calls. The February 200 call was particularly popular and 931 contracts in those were traded. Courtaulds was another active option, with 1,035 contracts traded. Of those, all but five were calls. Total trade for the day was 8,794 contracts. There were few significant price changes.

COMPANY NEWS

● **ICELAND FROZEN FOODS:** For the first half of this year, an interim dividend of 2.2p (nil) is being paid. With figures in £000, turnover rose to 36,676 (29,053). Pretax profit was 1,710 (1,455). Earnings per share were 10.2p (9.62p). The board is confident that the results for the current year will show a satisfactory increase, despite the poor summer which has affected the sales of ice creams and allied products.

● **GEORGE INGHAM:** For the first half of this year, turnover rose to £2,404,000 (£52,400). Pretax profit was £49,606 (£52,400). Earnings per share were (net basis) 2.16p (2.41p).

● **CUSSINS PROPERTY:** For the half-year to June 30, an interim dividend of 2.4p (2.4p) is being paid. With figures in £000, turnover was 3,425 (2,525). Pretax profit was 345 (824). Earnings per share fell to 6.29p (10.64p).

● **BUSINESS COMPUTER SYSTEMS:** For the first half of this year, with figures in £000, turnover was 4,208 (3,881). Pretax profit was 67 (55). Earnings per share were 1.1p (0.7p).

● **WESTWOOD DAWES:** Results for the half-year to June 30 show (figures in £000) turnover of 687 (890). pretax profit of 62 (loss 113) and earnings per share of 1.71p (loss 8.95p) on a weighted average basis.

● **AEROSPACE ENGINEERING:** A final dividend of 1.2p (1.625p), making 2.4p (3.25p), is being paid for the year to April 30. With figures in £000: turnover was 12,949 (111,505). Pretax profit reached 714 (448). Earnings per share were, net basis, 3.81p (3.14p).

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APPOINTMENTS

British Midland Airways: Mr **Austin Reid** has been made group finance director.

Leopold Joseph & Sons: Mrs **Mei Baker**, Mr **David Fletcher**, Mr **Bernard Heymann** and Mr **Michael Quicke** are now directors. Mr **Paul Thrussell** has become company secretary.

Nabisco Group: Mr **Charles Auld** has joined the board and becomes managing director of the grocery group on September 30.

Munton Brothers: Mr **Harford Robb** is now executive chairman.

Rolls-Royce: Mr **P R Mcfarlane** has become director of corporate planning. Mr **F Turner** takes ovr as director of industrial and marine.

Taylor Woodrow Management and Engineering: Mr **Michael Gordon** is now chairman.

Federated Housing: Mr **Keith Palmer** has become group managing director.

Landor Associates: Mr **Jan Steel von Holstein** is now marketing director for Europe.

The First National Bank of Chicago: Mr **Ian Schmiegelow** has joined as a senior vice-president and director of First Chicago, London.

British Commercial Transport: Mr **Seymour Grann** managing direcor of ROBA (UK) has been appointed executive director.

Associated Newspapers Holdings: Mr **P M Fallon** has become a director.

Dewhurst & Partner: Mr **Richard Melbourne Dewhurst** has joined the board.

Allegheny International Group: Mr **Victor Prior** has been appointed president and managing director of Industrial division.

NKK (UK): Mr **Sachie Sasabe** has been made president and succeeds Mr Hiroshi Onodera.

Hayters: Mr **John E. Snell** has been made managing director.

Golden Wonder: Mr **Chris Dyson** has become personnel director.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Aberdeen Steak Houses 5p Ord (67a)	80–1
Anglo United Dev (34)	37
Braduock Group 5p Ord (170)	203+2
Bristol 10p Ord (185) £1 paid	126+3
C C A Galleries 10p Ord (80a)	87
Cannon Street Inv 20p Ord (a)	60+2
Conrad Hldgs 25p Ord (70)	75
Control Techniques 10p Ord (115)	130
Dean Park Hlts 25p Ord (51a)	50
F K B Group 5p Ord (140a)	178
Israel (Jack L) 4p Ord (20a)	38+1 r;
Kewill Systems 5p Ord (79a)	87
Lewmar 25p Ord (110a)	116
Lysander Petroleum 5p Ord (65a)	68+2
Michael J. Design 2.5 Ord (44a)	67+2
Mpw Advertising 5p Ord (105a)	98
Nordic Inv Trust 10p Ord (50)	47 r;
Questel 10p Ord (150a)	173–8
Sapphire Petroleum 50p Ord (150a)	85–3
Trilion 10p Ord (73a)	90
Yellowhammer 5p Ord (110a)	128–2
Rights Issues	
Emess Lighting (210) Nil Pd	40 prem–5
Hanson Tst (185) Ptly Pd	119–1

*Issue price in parentheses. a Unlisted Securities. *by tender.*

TEMPUS

Comet casts a shadow over Woolworth revamp

Gone are the days when the only thing you could buy at F W Woolworth with any degree of certainty was Christmas decorations. The chain is moving into the snazzy arena of concept retailing. Theme stores are the order of the day. There is a sharper focus on the range of merchandise and instore management has been substantially improved.

It al looks good yet, perversely, the improvement in the old Woolworth stores is not what the company's followers are really looking for. Much of the institutional money is invested in the fortunes of the B & Q and Comet chains. F W Woolworth is seen as rather incidental.

Yet the highlight of yesterday's interim taxable profits of £7.5 million before exceptional items, up from £0.6 million, was the £10 million reduction in losses at F W Woolworth to £14.7 million. The chain must be on target to return to profits in the full year, which is regarded by some as a dilution in the quality of earnings rather than an improvement.

Although B & Q performed well, improving its profits to £16 million up fro £11.7 million, the real disappointment lay with Comet. Its profits were unchanged at £1.7 million although it was in for six months rather than three last time.

True, Comeet's first quarter is always very slow, with the chain doing no more than breaking even, but the failure to capitalize on increased turnover will be viewed with concern.

The new management, which has done such a good job in revitalizing the group, has still to demonstrate that it can manage its acquisition and squeeze out an improved performance. Until it does so conclusively there will be a questionmark over further acquisitions which must feature prominently in the group's plans.

The Comet disappointment should not detract from the continuing long-term attractions of the group. The improvement at F W Woolworth must be a positive point. It has, after all, an annual turnover off more than £1 billion and an enviable high street operty portfolio.

Disposa on the scale of the Heron deal last year, which brought profits of £51.8 million above the line last time, are a thing of the past. Property sales added only 3.2 million in the half and the group will be more inclined to develop rather than sell in future.

The shares closed up 2p at 480p. Demand has been pretty much sated after the recent large placing and some weakness in the price can be expected short term.

St Ives

What Octopus is to publishing, St Ives is to printing. That is the hope of Mr Bob Gavron, chairman of St Ives, who is also a non-executive director of Octopus, whose Marks and Spencer books and the recent takeover of Heinemann contribute to a high and pleasing profile.

Octopus was well received in the stock market and, in the hope of getting a similarly warm welcome, Mr Gavron has chosen the same team of advisers.

The analogy with Octopus cannot be taken too far as printing is more prosaic and fragmented than publishing. But Recognising this, St Ives is coming to the market on a modest multiple of less than 12 times earnings for the year just ended. The offer is by minimum tender at 290p a share and it looks as if the striking price could be 40p higher.

St Ives has grown quickly, buying two companies from the receiver and two lossmakers. On turnover of £15.4 million, it made profits of £1.94 million before tax in 1983-4. Last year turnover rose to £18.3 million and profits to an estimated £2.5 million.

There are only two problems with the launch. The company has declined to give a profit forecast. It is only a few weeks into the current year. Second, existing shareholders are reducing their stake and no new money is being raised. Mr Gavron, his family and fellow directors, will own just over half the shares after the offer for sale.

Against that the company is financially sound. It does not borrow, despite huge spending on plant and equipment. Currently it has just short of £1 million in the bank, thanks in part to a pased payment for the new press. Though the payment of dividends, notionally set at 8p for last year, costing £500,000, will dent the cash pile, it is unlikely to deter the company from acquisition. There is significent scope for expansion.

Insurance results

The insurance sector received a much needed tonic yesterday with the half-year results of both Legal & General and Stewart Wrightson topping most expectations.

The market responded by awarding L&G a near 24p increase in its share price to 669p while Stewart Wrightson jumped from 639p to 664p before settling back at a little over 650p.

In absolute terms, L&G's figures are not good, with pretax profits to June 30 dropping from £25.3 million to £19.9 million. The life and pensions side produced a restrained advance in profits of £2.5 million to £28.5 million.

While the individual life and pensions business pushed ahead healthily, much of that gain was cancelled out by a poor development in group pensions business.

Like other insurers, L&G suffered heavily on the general insurance side with losses more than doubling from £5.7 million to £13.5 million. Bad weather was the main culprit, but the losses were lower than some anaylysts had expected. On this performance it does not seem unreasonable to expect year-end profits to match last year's

Stewart Wrightson did even better, with its pretax figure of £9.8 million – up from £6.1 million last time – well over £1 million above expectations. The broker has reaped a rich harvest from its policy of specializing in specific areas such as aviation and US product liability.

Stewart Wrightson sounds a note of warning, though, that profit growth is unlikely to continue at quite the same rate in the second half because contracting insurance market capacity is making some business virtually impossibly to place.

Nor will the final dividend copy the impressive 50 per cent interim increase. This jump was made to reduce the growing desparity between the amounts of the interim and final dividends.

Legal & General Group Interim Results 1985

Unaudited results for the first half-year of Legal & General Group Plc

- Higher long-term business and fund management profits.
- General insurance results hit by U.K. household claims.
- Interim dividend lifted to 8.5p (7.5p).

	6 months 30.6.85 £m	Re-stated 6 months 30.6.84 £m	Year 1984 £m
Group Premium Income			
Life and pensions	452.2	452.1	954.8
General insurance	119.0	107.3	220.2
Profit from operations			
Long-term business	28.5	26.4	53.7
Fund management	3.3	2.9	5.3
Short-term business	(13.5)	(5.7)	(12.2)
Shareholders' other income	0.6	0.6	(0.5)
Associated companies	1.0	1.1	1.8
Profit before taxation	19.9	25.3	48.1
Taxation	(2.3)	(5.1)	(2.8)
Profit after taxation	17.6	20.2	45.3
Employee profit sharing scheme after taxation	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.6)
Profit attributable to shareholders	17.3	19.9	44.7
Earnings per share	11.28p	13.07p	29.27p

Note: The Group accounts for 1984 received an unqualified auditors' report and have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. Copies of the full half-year report will be sent to all shareholders. Further copies are available from The Group Secretary, Legal & General Group Plc, Temple Court, 11 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4TP.



Legal & General

WOOLWORTH HOLDINGS PLC

Interim profits rise from £0.6 million to £7.5 million

B&Q	COMET	WOOLWORTH	WOOLWORTH PROPERTIES
160 DIY out-of-town supermarkets	175 Electrical discount stores	MAIN CHAIN 780 Stores; SUPERSTORES CHAIN 82 Stores	Responsible for assets of over £500m

INTERIM RESULTS

- Group Interim profits up from £0.6m to £7.5m.
- Interim dividend 3.0p (1984 1.75p) per share.
- B & Q – excellent progress . . . rapid growth.
- Comet – equivalent result.
- FW Woolworth – half time loss reduced by £10 million.

"The results are in line with our expectations . . . Group profit for the full year will depend almost entirely on second-half trading."

18 September 1985 — *John Beckett, Chairman*

INTERIM RESULTS (unaudited) for the half year ended 3 August 1985	1985 (26 weeks) £m	1984 (26 weeks) £m
Turnover (excluding VAT)	769.4	672.8
Retail Profit:		
B&Q	16.0	11.7
Comet	1.7	1.7
Woolworth	(14.7)	(24.8)
Other	(0.7)	1.0
Property income–Woolworth	22.3	24.6
Net interest payable	(17.1)	(13.6)
Profit before exceptional items	7.5	0.6
Exceptional items	2.4	51.8
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	9.9	52.4
Taxation	(3.3)	(15.6)
Profit for the period	6.6	36.8
Earnings per share	3.8p	24.6p
Earnings per share before exceptional items	3.2p	0.3p
Interim Dividend per share	3.0p	1.75p

Copies of the full statement will be mailed to shareholders shortly. Woolworth Holdings plc, Woolworth House, 242-246 Marylebone Road, London NW1 6JL.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

UK pension fund to back AT&T building

The Allied-Lyons Pension Fund and the United States Property Trust have confirmed that they will be funding the 2.3 million sq ft new regional headquarters for AT&T, the American telecommunications company, to be built in Chicago.

The developer is a local man, Mr Richie Stein, with whom the USPT and Allied-Lyons Pension Fund worked on their largest investment before the AT&T deal, also in Chicago.

Skidmore Owings & Merrill, the US architect, to to design the AT&T building which will have two towers and cover two city blocks within Chicago's Loop area, east of Adams and Munro.

AT&T will occupy 1.8 million sq ft of the scheme, which will be phased in from 1988 until 1992. The first phase, due to start next year, will have a 61-storey tower. AT&T will have a stake in the equity of the building in return for taking most of the space. This has not been revealed but sources in Chicago say it could be as much as a half share.

Because of the size of the investment the initial tranche will be £100 million – Allied-Lyons will be looking for other British funds to participate.

Mr Maurice Oldfield, the pensions executive of the Allied-Lyons Pension Fund and chairman of the USPT, is aiming to "wholesale" the investment to British funds, an innovatory idea.

Mr Oldfield expects yields on the AT&T scheme to be less than 10 per cent given that there is no development risk with the company taking a pre-let on all but 400,000 space

Meanwhile, Wyndham Investments, the property holding company of the Allied Lyons Pension Fund, is undertaking a £4.5 million direct development of an office campus scheme in Swindon, Wiltshire.

The Westlea Campus, as the scheme will be known, is on a 6.6-acre site next to the Renault building, close to the M4 motorway and Swindon town centre. There will be 75,000 sq ft of space in three pavilion-style buildings, which can be linked, and be 300 parking spaces.

Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, the letting agents, is not yet quoting a rent but says these will be lower than those in the town centre.

Speyhawk spreads its wings towards 640 acre mini-town

By Judith Huntley

Speyhawk, the property development company capitalized at £24 million, has disclosed an ambitious plan to develop 640 acres of agricultural land in Berkshire, close to Reading and the M4 motorway. The plan involves 3,500 homes, one million sq ft of high technology, industrial and warehousing space plus a 240,000 sq ft retail and leisure scheme. A hotel and conference centre totalling 100,000 sq ft is also included.

The development, if it is approved by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Kenneth Baker, would take 10 years to build and would cost several hundred million pounds.

Speyhawk has an option on the land which it has been negotiating with the owner, the Englefield Estate, a large landowner in the area.

All the land concerned – 350 acres is set aside for residential development – is now low grade agricultural land, but none is in the Green Belt. Speyhawk's planning application for the residential part of the scheme at Great Lea, has been made and the company is putting in the commercial element today.

Mr Trevor Osborne, the chairman of Speyhawk, says that the two parts of the scheme are complementary to each other. The commercial element depends on a new bypass being built from the A33.

He admits that the infrastructure costs will be large. The company says there should be a new railway station for the village settlement giving access to Reading and Basingstoke in Hampshire. Speyhawk intends setting up a development organization embracing all the landowners in the area, to ensure that infrastructure and community facilities are phased in line with the housing and commercial schemes.

Speyhawk, which is not a large housebuilder, will be responsible for land release designed to ensure that the housing market is not swamped with new homes.

On the commercial front, the area close to Reading, Basingstoke and the M4 has seen tremendous growth. Speyhawk hopes to capitalize on this strong market by releasing two-acre sites on the business park where it envisages a large take-up from owner occupiers.

Whether the planners in the area are agreeable to such an enormous development is another matter. There are three local councils and Berkshire County Council to be considered.

A scheme of this magnitude is likely to be examined by the Secretary of State and at the very least there will be a public inquiry. Mr Baker has made it clear that he will resist development in the Green Belt.

While Speyhawk's land does not fall into this category it is agricultural land and the local planning authorities may not wish to see such a large-scale development there.

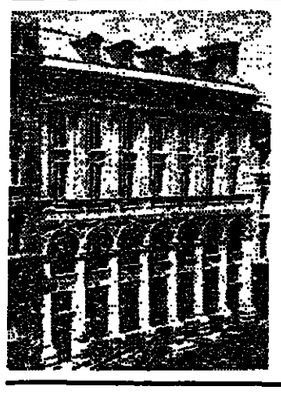
Speyhawk says it is better to concentrate and control development in one area where its impact can be measured than to allow piecemeal schemes which gradually affect a much wider area.

The key to the company's success lies not only in the hands of the planners, but with the banks and financial institutions. Many of the British and United States merchant banks are willing to put up short-term construction finance and the institutions are keen to invest in prime schemes in areas such as Reading and other parts of Berkshire.

Speyhawk has never handled a scheme of this size before, but it is planning a large commercial scheme at Lower Earley in Berkshire near the Great Lea site.

The company's development programme totals more than £200 million. It includes the £25 million hotel and office scheme in Brighton where Ramada, the world's third largest hotel chain, is to operate the hotel, two office projects in the City of London, retail schemes in Wimbledon and Tunbridge Wells and a series of business parks.

One of its biggest joint ventures will be with the Lep Group which owns a riverside depot at Chiswick, west London. Lephawk, as the new company is called, is to develop the four-acre site with houses, offices and industrial space.



Bishopsgate completion

London & Edinburgh Trust and Guinness Peat Properties in conjunction with London Transport Pension Funds has completed its scheme at 1 Bishopsgate in the City. The building was acquired in 1983 for about £11 million. It has been rebuilt behind the listed facade to provide banking space of 31,200 sq ft. The letting agents, Hillier Parker and Richard Ellis, are looking for a rent of £1.1 million a year.

Friday the 13th unlucky for accountants

● **Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, found that Friday the 13th was indeed an unlucky day. The firm was due to move into Plumtree Court, the 190,000 sq ft office building in Shoe Lane, Holborn, developed by Trafalgar House and bought by Norwich Union for about £45 million, on that day.**

Unfortunately it was unable to do so. The Greater London Council's building regulations division has refused to allow occupation of the building until various fire precaution measures are put right.

It appears that fire alarms, sprinklers and emergency lighting do not meet the GLC's requirements and the architects are now working to remedy the situation. It is hoped that this work will be completed by the end of this week.

It is extremely rare, if not unprecedented, for this to happen

● **Slough Estates, Britain's largest industrial developer, has bought a town centre retail and office development in West Germany for £5.5 million. The site, at Wuppertal Barmon, 30 miles east of Düsseldorf, was formerly a department store. Slough intends to redevelop the site to create 20,000 sq ft of new retail space and 20,000 sq ft of offices.**

Slough's purchase is a new venture for the company in Germany and it will probably be sold on completion and letting.

● **Norwich Union, the insurance company, has confirmed that it has pre-let its £19 million, 86,000 sq ft office development at 20 Finsbury Circus, on the edge of the City of London, to Morgan Grenfell & Co, the merchant bank.**

Morgan Grenfell is believed to be paying more than £26 a sq ft for the space on a 30-year lease with five-year reviews. The letting agent was Jones Lang Wootton while Weatherall Green & Smith advised the merchant bank.

● **The rising demand for large office buildings boosted the take-up of space in central London, according to the latest report from Jones Lang Wootton, the chartered surveyor. The take-up of new space in central London rose by 62 per cent in the first half of this year compared with the second half of 1984.**

Overall take-up of space in the area rose by 47 per cent in the first half of 1985, mostly due to lettings in buildings over 25,000 sq ft. The availability of space for both new and second-hand offices fell by 27 per cent in the last six months.

Once again it was the market in the City of London which showed a high level of activity. Take-up increased by 176 per cent during the first half of this year after it had tailed off in the latter half of 1984.

The take-up of new space continues to outstrip supply with only 1.87 million sq ft of space available in the middle of this year, compared with 2.57 million sq ft at the end of last year and more than 3 million sq ft in the middle of last year. The amount of speculative space under construction decreased by 16 per cent and pre-let offices rose by 36 per cent to 2.9 million sq ft.

The agent also says that this trend will continue as 44 per cent of the space being built is pre-let or destined for owner-occupiers.

● **Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds, the engineering company, has let the whole of its 90,000 sq ft of offices at 22 Kingsway in London to the Property Services Agency at a rent believed to be about £1.15 million a year. Guest, Keen is spending a considerable amount of money on upgrading the common parts of the building which it owns freehold.**

The property will be sold as an investment and is just being put on the market by Weatherall Green & Smith, appointed letting agent a year ago.

Self contained new air-conditioned office building



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COMPANY NEWS

● **BARR AND WALLACE ARNOLD TRUST:** Interim dividend of 2p (same) for the first half of 1985. With figures in £000, turnover was 60,167 (61,063). Pretax profit was 313 (423). Earnings per share were 3.9p (6.1p).

● **SCOTTISH HERITAB TRUST:** An interim dividend of 1.4p (1.1p is being paid for the first half of this year. With figures in £000, turnover was 16,883 (12,340). Pretax profit was 1,341 (802). Earnings per share rose to 5.1p (4.7p).

A. AND J. MUCKLOW: For the year to June 30, a gross dividend of 7.21p (6.75p gross) is being paid. With figures in £000, gross rentals rose to 6,916 (6,628). Pretax profit was 5,116 (4,917), while earning per share were 6.54p (6.52p).

● **IMTEC GROUP:** For the year to March 31, no final dividend is being paid, making 0.4p. With figures in £000, net turnover was 10,456 (10,509). There was a pretax loss of 581 (845, profit). The loss per share was 3.7p (earnings 8.5p).

● **FOLKES GROUP:** An interim dividend of 0.35p (same) is being paid for the first half of 1985. With figures in £000, turnover slipped to 31,900 (32,600). Profit, before tax, was 700 (600). Earnings per share were 1.46p (1.18p).

● **BESTOBELL:** For the six months to June 30, there is no interim (5.7p). With figures in £000, turnover was 71,232 (71,091). Pretax profit fell to 2,326 (4,105). Earnings per share were 7.7p (13.3p).

● **ARMSTRONG EQUIPMENT:** A final dividend of 0.8p, making 1.1p (0.6p) is being paid for the year to June 30. With figures in £000, sales were 102,485 (114,280). Pretax profit rose to 4,532 (2,510). Earnings per share jumped to 7.9p (3.37p).

● **A P B HOLDINGS:** For the first half of 1985, an interim dividend of 4.5p (same) is being paid. With figures in £000, turnover reached 205,000 (187,750). Pretax profit was 6,506 (5,565). Earnings per share were: Basic, 8.9p (7.5p) and fully diluted, 8.7p (7.5p).

● **POLYPIPE:** With figures in £000, sales for the year to June 30 reached 11,794 (8,408). Pretax profit was 1,351 (1,062). Earnings per share were 8.03p (6.80p).

● **GEORGE H. SCHOLES:** A final dividend of 14p, making 20p (18p) is being paid for the year to June 30. With figures in £000, group turnover was 26,213 (24,229) and profit before tax was 4,936 (4,716). Earnings per share reached 45.1p (40.8p).

● **BARROW HEPBURN:** For the six months to June 30, an interim dividend of 1.0p (0.8p) is being paid. With figures in £000, turnover was 22,976 (19,736), while pretax profit was 935 (664). Earnings per share rose to 1.68p (1.33p).

● **TRAVIS AND ARNOLD:** An interim dividend of 1.95p (same) is being paid for the first half of this year. With figures in £000, turnover was 61,240 (64,010). Pretax profit was 3,622 (4,627). Earnings per share slipped to 12.6p (15.7p).

● **EIS GROUP:** With figures in £000, turnover for the first half of this year jumped to 34,295 (22,876). Pretax profit reached 2,654 (2,028). The interim dividend is going up from 1.65p to 1.85p and earnings per share rose from 8.13p to 9.62p.

● **KIRSH TRADING GROUP:** There was a temporary suspension of listing of Kirsh from 12.40 pm on Monday after the suspension on the Johannesburg stock exchange. An agreement has been concluded between Kimet's controlling shareholder, Kirsh Industries and the South African National Life Assurance (SANLAM), which will result in control of Kimet passing to SANLAM.

● **PETRANOL:** For the first half of this year, with figures in £000, operating income jumped to 4,036 (727). Pretax profit was 1,849 (588). Earnings per share more than doubled to 7.39p (3.09p, adjusted).

● **TALBOT MOTOR CO:** For the six months to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover fell to 226,964 (266,405). The pretax loss was 13,864 (1,890).

● **CROWN INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTS:** In view of the forthcoming issue of new shares as part consideration for the offer for Capital Television Facilities, the board has decided to pay a second interim dividend of 2.45p, which replaces the indicated final dividend of 1.75p. The dividends for the year now total 3.5p, against the prospectus forecast of 2.1p.

● **BRITISH BENZOL CARBNISING:** For the year to March 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 15,383 (13,754), while pretax profits were 202 (26). Losses from the miners' strike were 1,239 (nil). Earnings per share were 0.9p (0.1p).

● **STOCKLAKE HOLDINGS:** For the year to March 31, a total dividend of 12p is being paid. With figures in £000, turnover was 24,172 (24,540), while pretax profit reached 3,820 (3,545). Earnings per share rose to 47.22p (43.26p).

● **UNIGROUP:** Prestige Doors, Unigroup's recently established timber products division, has negotiated exclusive rights to distribute timber products produced by the Malaysian company, Golden Pharos Wood Industries. Unigroup has purchased 268,000 ordinary shares (28.8 per cent of the capital) from a shareholder who is not involved in the management of the business. The price is £118,500 cash and a further £118,500 in cash within four months.

● **OLD COURT INTERNATIONAL RESERVES:** No dividend (same) is being paid for the year to June 30. Total net assets reached $293.69 million ($263.79 million). Net revenue fell to $23.55 million – about £17.53 million – ($49.14 million).

● **ZETTERS GROUP:** For the year to March 31, with figures in £000, turnover reached 26,002 (26,205). Pretax profits rose to 1,440 (1,386). With earnings per share up from 9.03p to 12.41p, the total dividend is being raised from 3.25p to 4p.

● **TRAFFORD PARK ESTATES:** With figures in £000, pretax profits for the year to June 30 were 2,555 (2,466). With earnings per share up from 13.17p to 15.16p, the total dividend goes up from 10p to 11.5p.

● **DEREK BRYANT GROUP:** For the first half of 1985, pretax profits – in £000 – rose to 226 (637). Earnings per share rose to 14.6p (12.43p) and an interim dividend of 2.7p is being paid.

● **CAKEBREAD ROBEY & CO:** An interim dividend of 8 per cent (same) has been declared. With figures in 000, turnover was 10,520 (9,669.5), pretax profit 240 (305) and earnings per share 3.8p (2.9p).

● **BELGRAVE HOLDINGS:** Results for the six months to June 30 (figures in 000) show turnover up to 5,395 (4,377). Pretax profit to 1,527 (752) and earnings per share to 6.1p (3.9p) on a weighted average basis.

● **HICKSON INTERNATIONAL:** The company has bought Applied Research of Charlotte, North Carolina, for £1 million. This company operates mainly in the manufacture and sale of timber preservatives and fire retardants.

● **HUGH MACKAY:** An interim dividend of 1.4p (same) is being paid for the half-year to June 30. With figures in 000, turnover was 6,720 (6,473), pretax profit fell to 80 (163). Earnings per share were 0.99p.

● **MANSON FINANCE:** A final dividend of 0.875p making 1.5p (1p) is being paid. Results for the year to June 30, with figures in £000, show pretax profit up to 1304 (961). Earnings per share rose to 2.8p (2.6p).

● **PAUL MICHAEL LEISUREWEAR:** Results for the first half of this year, with figures in £000, show turnover at 3,145 (3,640) and group profit before tax at 85 (178). Earnings per share were 0.7 (1.3p). There is no interim dividend (same).

● **ALLIED PLANT GROUP:** For the first half of this year, turnover jumped to £5,302,050 (£2,674,309). Pretax profit was £189,613 (£8,669 loss). Earnings per share reached 0.68p (0.25p loss).

● **TELEMETRIX:** A final dividend of 1.15p (0.9p), making 1.75p (1.4p), is being paid for the year to July 7. With figures in £000, turnover climbed to 20,178 (10,259), while pretax profit jumped to 4,749 (2,514).

● **JAMES WILKES:** In the first half of this year, with figures in £000, turnover fell to 1,532 (2,617), but pretax profit rose to 515 (296). Earnings per share reached 8.15p (6.8p), and the interim dividend is going up from 1.5p to 3p.

● **SOMPORTEX HOLDINGS:** For the year to April 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 4,557 (4,566). The pretax loss was 276 (profit 104). The loss per share was 7.07p (earnings 1.65).

● **BRITISH SYPHON INDUSTRIES:** For the first half of this year, an interim of 1.25p (same), on increased capital, is being paid. With figures in £000, sales jumped to 40,312 (11,834). Pretax profit almost doubled to 1,201 (613). Earnings per share reached 5.8p (3.6p).

● **INTERNATIONAL ATLANTIS RESOURCES:** For the first half of this year, with figures in $000, net revenue was 1,627 (694). Pretax earnings were 613 (about £460,000), against 115.

● **JONES AND SHIPMAN:** An interim dividend of 1.15p (1p) is being paid. For the first half of this year, with figures in £000, turnover was 9,279 (7,890). Pretax profit jumped to 720 (284). Earnings per share were 6.3p (1.7p).

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REVIEW OF PROFESSIONS SERVING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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At the request of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Director General of Fair Trading is reviewing certain rules of the professional bodies for architects, surveyors and consulting engineers.

The review is examining these rules to judge their effect on the ability of professional practices to compete on fees and to advertise or promote their services for the UK construction industry.

The views of interested parties including the professional bodies themselves are being sought; if you have any information or views which you consider would help the Director General please write to:

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INTERIM REPORT

RESULTS IN BRIEF	6 months to 30th June, 1985 £'000	6 months to 30th June, 1984 £'000	Year ended 31st December, 1984 £'000
TURNOVER	190,849	189,968	377,676
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	13,542	20,055	35,230
EARNINGS PER SHARE	4.5p	7.4p	14.12p
DIVIDEND	2.90p Interim	2.75p Interim	6.75p Final

Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Peter Goodall, CBE, TD

The trading conditions in the first half of the year have followed very largely the pattern of trading conditions in the second half of last year except only that business in the first two months of the period was at a very low level due to extreme weather conditions.

Since April, however, there has been a good recovery and as I write this statement I am glad to say that this is still continuing.

During the period under review we have, of course, acquired the British Steel Corporation Refractories operation and this has now fitted in well with GR-Stein Refractories Limited and is proving to be a most valuable acquisition.

I am very pleased to welcome to the Board as a Non-Executive Director Professor Roland Smith, Chairman of House of Fraser plc, and Mr. J. R. W. Ansdell who has been appointed Group Finance Director.

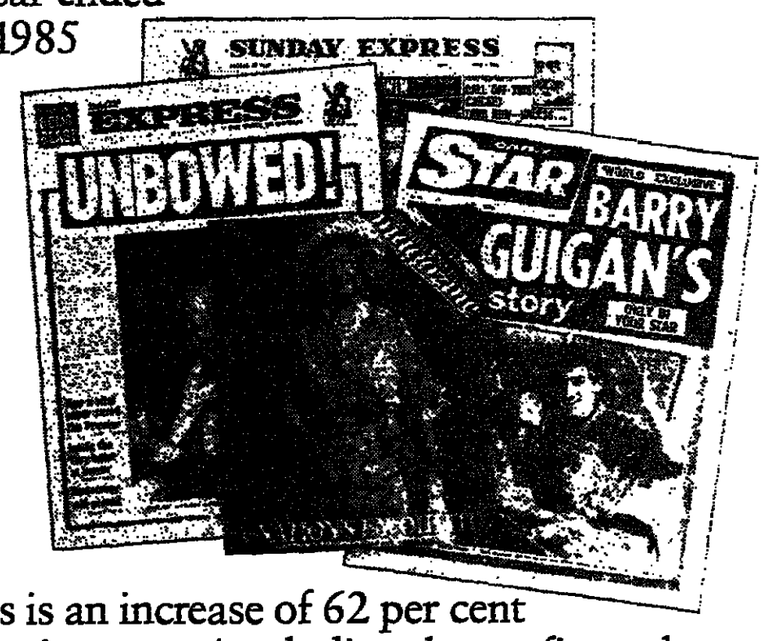
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Record results from Fleet.

Strong performances by all operations of the Fleet group combined to produce a record result for the year ended 30 June 1985 with a profit from ordinary activities before taxation of £28.5 million.



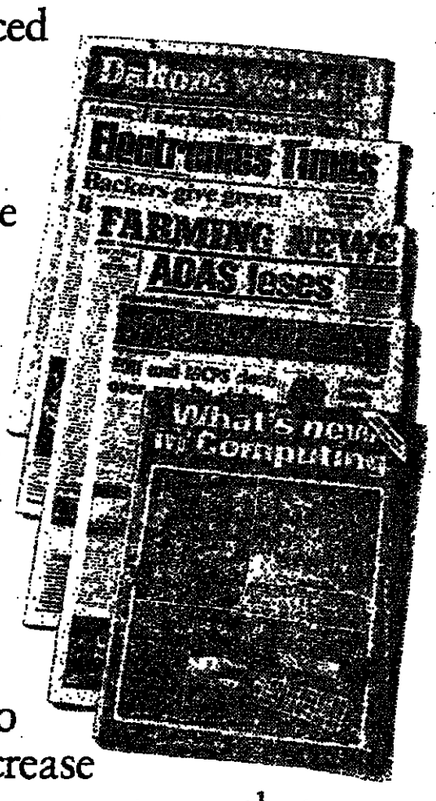
This is an increase of 62 per cent on the previous year (excluding the profit on the sale of Reuters in 1984).

The national newspapers' operating profit before interest at £10.6 million was particularly encouraging and represented a 63 per cent increase on the previous year's figure.



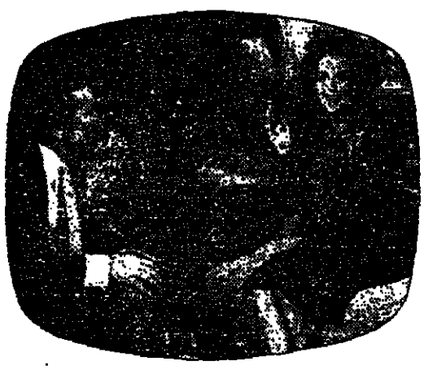
The magazines turned in another excellent result with an operating profit of £10.8 million, an increase of 20 per cent on the previous year.

The local newspaper interests have been expanded by a number of acquisitions over the last year. None of these has yet produced a full year's contribution but even so the operating profit from this sector showed an appreciable improvement.



Income from interests in related companies at £1.1 million reflected in large measure the improvement at TV-AM and contrasted with last year's share of losses.

A final dividend of 5.5p per share is proposed bringing the total for the year to an increase of 60 per cent over that for the previous year.



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PROFIT BEFORE TAX UP 62%

1985: £28,523,000 1984: £17,635,000*

EARNINGS PER SHARE UP 43%

1985: 20.10p 1984: 14.07p*

DIVIDENDS PER SHARE UP 60%

1985: 8.00p 1984: 5.00p

*Excluding profit on sale of Reuters shares of £4.6 million, representing 4.70p per share.

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FOOTBALL: HOLLINS PAYS RECORD FEE FOR TOTTENHAM MIDFIELD PLAYER

Wade leads the way to draw for Coleraine

The Irish League part-timers of *Coleraine surprised Lokomotive* Leipzig with an early goal and a strong first half in their UEFA Cup *first round first leg tie*, but had to settle for a 1-1 draw.

Coleraine took the lead after just two minutes. A long clearance from Jim Platt, the player-manager and Northern Ireland international goalkeeper, was headed on by Ray Henry. Ricky Wade slipped between two defenders to beat Rene Müller, the East German national team captain.

Lokomotive did not have one shot on target in the first half, but took control after the break. They had a 46th-minute effort ruled out for offside, then Wade made a goalline clearance from Altmann, before Platt was beaten by a deflected shot from Liebers.

"We almost pinched a victory," *Platt claimed*. "I was only satisfied with our performance in the second half." Hans Ulrich Thomale, the Lokomotive manager said. "The rain and the heavy pitch made the difference."

Gornik Zabrze's return to the European Cup after *a 13-year* absence was marked by an attack of nerves and a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of the former champions, Bayern Munich.

"Our boys were very nervous in the first half," Hubert Kostka, the Polish champions' manager, said. "Some of them were trembling when they went on the field."

Wohlfarth headed in from a corner in the twentieth minute to give Bayern the lead, then helped set up the 81st-minute winner for Hoeness when Cebrat failed to hold his shot.

Soviet clubs did well. Zenit Leningrad beat Vaalerengen of Norway with two second-half goals on their Europena Cup debut. *Chernomorets Odessa inflicted a* first defeat of the season on Werder Bremen in the UEFA Cup. Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk beat Wismut Aue in East Germany.

Sampdoria, of Italy, were eight minutes away from defeat by Larisa of Greece in the Cup-Winners' Cup when Roberto Mancini equalized a 39th minute goal by George Mitsibonas.

Yesterday's results

European Cup
First round, first leg

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OTHER RESULTS: Zenith Leningrad 2, Vaalerengen 0; Gornik Zabrze 1, Bayern Munich 2; Rabat Ajax (Malta) 0, Omonia Nicosia 5.

UEFA CUP
First round, first leg

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Müller to return

Zurich (Reuter) – The West German forward, Dieter Müller, who joined the Swiss first division side, Grasshopper Zurich, on a short-term contract in July, is to return to the Bundesliga with Saarorruecken. A Grasshopper official said that the club had agreed to release Müller immediately.

Rally crashes

Kotse, Northern China, (AFP) – A *Japanese driver was badly injured* in the worst of a series of crashes in the troubled Hong Kong to Peking car rally. The crashes occurred as the rally convey struggled up the bumpy, muddy road between the central industrial centre of Wuhan to Kotse in Shangdong province on a non-competitive link section of the rally. One of the race favourites, *Bjorn Waldegaard of Sweden*, was forced out with engine problems, while lying third.

Hazard signs for Chelsea

Chelsea have finally signed Mike Hazard, the Tottenham *Hotspur midfield player*, for £300,000, a club record. The move ended two weeks of speculation about the player's future.

After agreeing a four-year contract, Hazard, aged 25, said: "I am a Chelsea player. There were a few hiccups along the way, but Chelsea were the only club I talked to.

"The average age of the side is under 25 and they are one of the best teams in the country. *With a few years and a bit more* experience they will become a force to be reckoned with. It's a *big wrench to leave*, but I must look to the future.."

The Sunderland-born player, *who was also wanted by his* home-town club, joined Tottenham as an apprentice in July *1976, making 138 appearances* and scoring 23 goals.

However, Hazard, a stylish and skilful player, who was included in the England squad for the international against Scotland *in May 1984*, never fully emerged from the shadows of Ardiles and Hoddle at *Tottenham*.

He said: "If Glenn or Ossie were not in the team and I was *playing it never entered my* head that I was understudy to them or anyone.

Hazard is the first major signing of John Hollins, the Chelsea manager, since he took *over in June. Chelsea's previous* highest transfer fee was the £225,000 paid for Celtic's *David Hay in 1974*.

Hazard will train and meet his new colleagues for the first *time today*. He is set to make his debut, against Arsenal at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

The arrival of Hazard will lead to increased competition in an already congested midfield *department at Chelsea. But* Hollins denied speculation that his regular midfield player, *Nigel Spackman, was unsettled* at the club after an alleged rebuff from Ken Bates, the *Chelsea chairman, when the* player asked for improved terms on a new contract. "Nigel *is still very much part of my* plans" Hollins said.



Hazard: escaping the shadows at Tottenham

Brighton attack membership card scheme

Brighton, who are critical of the Football League's membership card scheme, want Mrs Thatcher to see that they have no hooligan problem.

The manager, Chris Cattlin, says: "Our professional game will be *finished in three years at this rate.*

The government is not attacking the real problem – they haven't got a clue." The chairman, Bryan Bedson, adds: "The scheme is an affront to our supporters. We want Mrs *Thatcher to see for herself how* much our fans enjoy matches. We can't stand blanket legislation – we don't want to be dictated to."

● The fourth division leaders, Southend United, were praised on Tuesday for the behaviour of their fans and their control of crowds at Roots Hall. Local police did not oppose applications by the club for drink exemptions on match days.

The exemptions were granted on the condition that no drink be served in view of the match or carried into the game.

Dalglish returns to add the winning flourish

Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool player-manager, celebrated his return from a five match injury layoff by scoring the winner in his side's 2-1 victory over Southampton in the Screen Sport Super Cup, on Tuesday night.

Danny Wallace had *equalised Jan* Molby's sixth-minute goal, but Dalglish's 28th minute tap-in proved to be the last score of an often ill-tempered game.

Only 3,074 watched the second division leaders Portsmouth, beat Charlton 4-1 in the Full Members Cup – Paul wood scored twice – and in the same competition a mere *2,435 saw Gordon Hobson* score twice in the last eight minutes to give Grimsby a 3-2 win over Sunderland, who had led 2-0.

Steve Foley, rejected by both Liverpool and Grimsby, was another to score twice after coming on as substitute for Sheffield United in their second division match at Fulham. United won 3-2.

Coney had given the effervescent Fulham a fifteenth minute lead, but United's enforced reshuffle drastically changed *the game's com*plexion. After 62 minutes Peter Withe headed down for Foley to equalize.

Glen Cockerill, who had been moved forward to accommodate Foley in midfield, headed Sheffield's second after 76 minutes.

Three minutes later Tony Sealy looked to have secured a share of the spoils for Fulham with a follow-up shot after the goalkeeper, John Burridge, had parried Cliff Carr's drive. But after *83 minutes* the Withe-Foley combination worked again to give United their second away success of the season.

Carlisle and Hull had their first League victories of the season, Carlisle 3–1 against Oldham (two from Andy Hill) and Hull 3–1 over Millwall (two from Frank Bunn).

Millwall had Paul Hinshelwood sent off.

In the third division Reading maintained their 100 per cent record at Brentford, but needed an 88th minute winner from Trevor Senior to record their seventh successive victory.

Walsall stay six points behind in second place after beating Rotherham 3–1, but it was another sad night for Wolves, who saw a 2-0 lead turn into a 4-3 defeat against Bristol Rovers.

The fourth division leaders, Southend, like Reading, left it late at Halifax. Steve *Phillips* scaling a 3-2 win with a goal in the 84th minute.

Three goals from Tony Adcock *lifted Colchester into second place.* They beat Cambridge 4–1. Wrexham kept their unbeaten record thanks to an 88th minute equalizer by Nick Hencher on his debut against Tranmere.

In other fourth division matches Preston beat Burnley *1–0 in a match* of former first division giants at Deepdale. Crewe beat Swindon 2-0 *at home and Aldershot* drew 0-0 with Port Vale at the Recreation Ground.

Luton and Watford drew 1-1 in a friendly at Luton staged to mark Luton's centenary. But the Luton goalkeeper, Andy Dibb limped off with a hamstring injury after 13 minutes and will need treatment to be fit for Saturday's first division *game against* Queen's Park Rangers.



Dalglish: easy goal

Middlesbrough fined

Middlesbrough have been fined £200 by the Football Association for playing their defender, Paul Ward, when he was under suspension, against Mansfield in the Milk Cup first round first leg on August 21. The second division club could face further punishment, too, from a Football League inquiry.

Ward, who joined Darlington last week, has been ordered to complete a two-match ban imposed after accumulating 31 points last season. *The 22-year-old defender missed* Darlington's third division match at Chesterfield last night.

The Football League have given permission for Middlesbrough and Carlisle to play only one Full Members' Cup game. Both clubs felt a sudden-death fixture would be more attractive than home and away legs in a controversial competition that has already been devalued by the withdrawal of several clubs.

Middlesbrough will entertain Carlisle, with October 8 the provisional date.

Gary Stevens, Tottenham's England international, yesterday came through his first competitive workout since damaging knee *ligaments in March*.

Stevens played the second half of a 1-0 reserve team defeat at Millwall. Fellow internationals Gary Mabbutt and forward Clive Allen, who have been out with groin injuries, and have yet to appear in the first team this season, both came through unscathed.

Bristol Rovers have signed forward Trevor Morgan from Exeter on a two-year contract for £15,000.

The Liverpool full back, Alan Kennedy, yesterday had lengthy talks with Newcastle United manager Willie McFaul on a proposed £100,000 move which would take him back to St James's Park, but he left without signing.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: Slavia Prague 1, St Mirren 0; Valur (Iceland) 2, Nantes 1. **EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP:** Zurrieq *(Malta) 0, Bayer Uerdingen (WG) 3.* **SUPER CUP:** Liverpool 2, Southampton 1. **SECOND DIVISION:** Carlisle 3, Oldham 1; Fulham 2, Sheffield U 3; Hull 3, Millwall 0.

THIRD DIVISION: Bolton 1, *Lincoln* 1; Bournemouth 1, Blackpool 4; Brentford 1, Reading 2; Bristol C 1, Derby 1; Cardiff 0, Bury 0; Chesterfield 1, Darlington 0; Doncaster 1, *Plymouth 0; Gillingham 2, Wigan 0; Notts C 3,* York 1; Swansea 1, Newport 1; Walsall 3 Rotherham 1; Wolverhampton 3 Bristol R 4.

FOURTH DIVISION: Aldershot 0, Port Vale 0; *Colchester 4, Cambridge 1; Crewe 2, Swindon* 0; Halifax 2 Southend 3; Preston 1, Burnley 0; Wrexham 1, Tranmere 1.

FULL MEMBERS CUP: Grimsby 3, Sunderland 2; Portsmouth 4 Charlton A 1.

GOLA LEAGUE: Bath 2, Kidderminster 4, Bob Lord Trophy: First round, first leg: Barnet 3, Dagenham 2; Barrow 0, Stafford 1, Frickley 0, Northwich 1; Wycombe 1, Weymouth 3.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup, Preliminary Round: Banstead 2, Hemel Hempstead 0; Barton 0, Wolverton 1; Camberley 1, Heybridge 1 (aet); Cheshunt 0, Stevenage 1; Dorking 4, Berkhamsted 3 (aet); Egham 1, Bracknell 3; Harefield 3, Letchworth 1; Hertford 3, Ruislip Manor 3 (aet); Hungerford 3, Hanngey Borough 2; Met Police 4, Horsham 0; Newbury 4, Marlow 1; Royston 1, Saltron Walden 2; Ware 0, Southall 1; Whyteleafe 2, Chalfont St Peter 1; Woking 5, Vauxhall 3; Postponed: Clapton v Hackwell Heath. Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 3, Hendon 2; Farnborough 2, Bognor 1; Harrow 3, Yeovil 2; Sutton United 2, Marshalton 2; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Epsom and Ewell 0; Windsor and Eton 0, Hayes 0; Worthing 0, Kingstonian 1. First division: Basildon United 1, Tilbury 1; Finchley 5, Grays 2; Hampton 2, Aveley 0; Harlow 2, Leyton/Wingate 5; Homchurch 2, Boreham Wood 2; Lewes 0, Bromley 2; Maidenhead United 3, Staines 3; St Albans 4, Leytonstone/Ilford 1; Walton and Hersham 3, Leatherhead 2.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey 5, Malden Vale 1; Horley 1, Farleigh 2.

BENSONS SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Cowe Windows SML Trophy: first round, 2nd leg: Hoddesdon 0, Welwyn Garden City 0.

Spirit of co-operation

Voice that will speak for British sport

A committee of the country's *leading sports experts will be* formed to act as the united voice of British sport, John Smith, chairman of the Sports Council, announced yesterday. The British Olympic Association, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, and the Sports Council, have agreed to establish this committee to improve the United Kingdom's sporting influence and image abroad.

The committee will give its early attention to harnessing the services offered by British overseas *missions* where national teams are competing abroad.

"I am glad to see this evidence of co-operation between us, which meets the hopes I expressed on my appointment", Smith said, after his meeting with Keith Mitchell, chairman of the CCPR, Charles Palmer, chairman of the BOA, and Ian McCallum, vice-chairman of the Sports Council. The committee will seek early consultations on these developments with Richard Tracey, the new Minister for Sport.

TENNIS

Unchanged team for Davis Cup

Britain have named an unchanged team for their Davis Cup tie against Israel at Eastbourne from *October 4-6 – a match which could* take them back into the international group for next year's competition.

Britain were relegated to the European qualifying zone after defeat against Yugoslavia last September. This season they have defeated Portugal and Switzerland and now must beat Israel to gain promotion.

Paul Hutchins, the team manager, has selected John Lloyd, Heremy Bates, Tephen Shaw and Colin Dowdeswell, the squad that represented Britain against Switzerland, also at Eastbourne, six weeks *ago. On that occasion, Lloyd and* Bates played the singles and Dowdeswell partnered Lloyd in the doubles.

Since then, however, Lloyd has slipped in the world rankings from No 39 to No 65, only four places higher than Israel's highest-ranked player, Shaher Perkiss. The other members of the Israeli team are *Shlomo Glickstein, Amos Mansdorf* and Gilad Bloom.

● Kevin Curren shook off an ankle sprain and rallied behind his overpowering serve to defeat Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, in the opening match of the Tulsa Challenge on Tuesday.

BOXING: WORLD CHAMPION PREPARES FOR ANY EVENTUALITY

McGuigan to take no chances against unbeaten challenger

By George Ace

The mantle of world champion *rests lightly on the shoulders of* Barry McGuigan. He was completely at ease in his final press *conference in Belfast yesterday as he* gave his views on his WBA featherweight title defence against Bernard Taylor, from Tennessee, in the King's Hall on Saturday week.

"I have prepared harder for this fight than any other, including my contest with Pedroza in London," he said. "Taylor takes an unbeaten professional record into the ring against me and that permits no liberties. He was one of the world's outstanding amateurs and I am *certain he will provide me with a* stern challenge. But I am determined to hold on to my title and I have prepared for any eventuality."

"He can box on the retreat, come forward or do whatever he likes. I'll be ready. I have had four excellent sparring partners, all possessing different styles and I know in myself that I will be in perfect shape, both physically and mentally come the 28th.

"I have missed no more than two *days on the road since the title fight* in London. The gymnasium and the roads offered me the seclusion I wanted", he added.

McGuigan's manager, B J Eastwood, said "Barry has a newfound confidence in his ability since he became world champion and I am very pleased with the way he has worked. I agree with him that *Taylor will provide a difficult* hurdle, but I am equally confident that he will have the answers to any problem that Taylor may pose."

McGuigan possesses that quiet assurance and poise one associates with a champion of the world. Beating Pedroza has provided that, and in Gerald Hayes he has the ideal mentor. Hayes, from New Jersey, has boxed Taylor twice, losing on points on both occasions, the most recent bout taking place last *February*.

Along with trainer Eddie Shaw, Hayes supervised McGuigan's last public workout yesterday, which consisted of three rounds of sparring without headgear, which in itself is significant, and the exercise was *little more than a session of shadow* boxing.

Hayes said: "Barry is in great shape and I am fairly confident that the persistent pressure he will apply from the first round will be too much for Taylor. The 'BT Express' *will be rocking on the rails in the* last half of the fight and I don't think any arithmetic will be required by the referee or the two judges to determine the outcome.

"Taylor has fast hands and he moves at speed but he does not possess the power of punch that McGuigan has and no matter what tactics he adopts McGuigan will *eventually get to him*".

● The British lightweight champion, Tony Willis, of Liverpool, has injured his knee in training and his title defence against Paul Chance, of Wednesbury, scheduled for Dudley next Thursday has been postponed (the Press Association reports). Willis will be replaced on the bill by the Belgian, Francisco Rodriguez, who has a record of *19 wins out* of 20 appearances.

● *OSAKA: A doctor has ordered* the Japanese boxer, Kazuo Katsuma, to take a three-day rest after he lost to the champion Jiro Watanabe in a world Boxing Council junior bantamweight title bout on Tuesday night (AP reports). Katsuma suffered severe head damage in the bout and was bleeding from the left eye.



Primed for title action: McGuigan winds up training

MOTOR RACING

Lauda expects to be fit for Brands Hatch

The world motor racing champion, Niki Lauda, of Austria, is expected to be fit to compete in the European Grand Prix at Brands Hatch on October 6, a spokesman for the McLaren team said in London yesterday.

The McLaren team chief, Ron Dennis, said a cast was removed yesterday from Lauda's right wrist which was injured last week in a crash during practice for the Belgian Grand Prix in Spa Francorchamps.

Lauda sustained ligament damage in the wrist and was forced to miss the race. "The damage is what we expected and another cast was put on," Dennis said. "It will come off next Wednesday and physiotherapy will begin.

"There is every indication he will be fit for Brands Hatch." Dennis added, but he said McLaren were preparing John Watson, of Britain, who drove for McLaren three years ago, as a replacement in case Lauda does not sufficiently recover. Watson is a veteran of *151 grands* prix.

Lauda, who has announced he would retire at the end of this season, is in eigth place in the 1985 drivers' standings.

VOLLEYBALL

Scots give English record cash

By Paul Harrison

Having eschewed sponsorship from tobacco or alcohol companies, the English Volleyball Association have turned to bankers for the biggest infusion of cash the game in this country has ever received.

The Royal Bank of Scotland will open its vaults long enough to allow £90,000 to flow into the EVA's coffers over the next three years. The bank has sponsored the game in Scotland for the past five years and now the English league and senior cup competitions will also bear the appellation Royal Bank.

The league programme, which begins this weekend, will encompass a record 132 teams and in England there are now 650 registered clubs and 11,000 registered players. The Royal Bank Cup will attract a record 212 teams.

"This money will enable the quality of our leagues and their promotion to improve dramatically," Richard Callicott, the chairman of the EVA, says. "No longer are we prepared to accept the tag of being a minor sport."

The new season is also longer than ever. It now runs until April, when the top four league teams meet in a superbowl tournament. It would not be surprising if Polonia *(who have changed their name from* Team Mizuno) and Capital City Brixton (who have accepted their name to take account of their new venue) were among the top four, seven months hence.

Polonia, who start this weekend at home to Redwood Lodge, have also decided to take the expensive plunge of entering Europe. They have a relatively easy preliminary round draw in the European Cup, playing a Luxembourg team on November 2 and 9. If they win, as they should, they will go on to play a Romanian side.

Polonia will draw strength from the Polish community, but the cost of European entry can be crippling, as Capital City found last season. In addition, a crushing defeat of the sort Capital City experienced against the top Bulgarian team can *shatter the team's morale* for the rest of the season.

Capital City have, however, picked up the pieces. They are happy with their new home in Brixton, and are even organizing a team of cheerleaders. They also have a new coach, Sava Medonos, who was voted the EVA coach of the year last season for his achievements with team Wiles, which went from division four to two in two seasons.

A former Czechoslovak international, Medonos is now a Norwegian national, and former national team coach in Norway. At Capital City, he has stepped up the training, tightened discipline, in*cluding a self-imposed players'* curfew at important tournaments

YACHTING

SARNIA, Ontario: World Soling championships: Final result (US unless stated): 1, J Kostecki; 3, P Coleman; 4, D Curtis; 5, S Walker; 6, R Bonso (Arg). Final positions: 1, Curtis, 44.7pts; 2, Grael, 48.4; 3, Kostecki, 50.7; 4, K Mankhey 56.0; 5, H Fogh (Can), 61.4; 6, L Persson (Swe) 67.0.

BADMINTON

DELHI: Indian Open championships: Men's singles: N Yelex (GB) bt T Carlsen (Den), 15-11, 17-15; Jae Bong Park (S Korea) bt V Kumar (India), 15-4, 15-9; E Kurniwan (Indo) bt V Singh (India), 11-15, 15-6, 15-7; S Mool (India) bt N Skaby (Den), 15-12, 15-4. **Women's singles:** D Thanekar (India) bt D Elinsky (Indo), 11-4, 11-3; H Troke (GB) bt D Julien (Can).

IN BRIEF

West Park success in sevens

The Rydal School Centenary Sevens tournament at Colwyn Bay was won yesterday, predictably perhaps, by West Park, who had triumphed at the weekend in the Hull University Schools' 15-a-side tournament (Michael Stevenson writes).

They survived a demanding quarter-final against Ellesmere College *but enjoyed an easy semi-*final beating St Anselm's, 20-6 whereas Belmont Abbey were extended in beating Cowley 22-16.

In the final, West Park led 10-4 at the interval. With seconds to go, however, the scores were level, but an opportunist try, scored and converted by the long-striding Pilkington, settled the issue.

Quarter-finals: RESULTS: Wirral "A" 14, Belmont Abbey 16; Cowley HS 18, St Edward's 4; St Anselm's "A" 18, Rydal 0; West Park HS 18, Ellesmere College 12. **Semi-finals:** Cowley HS 16, Belmont Abbey 22; St Anselm's 8, West Park 20. **Finals: West Park HS 20, Belmont Abbey 14.**

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SKING: Britain's top skiers yesterday celebrated the biggest sponsorship in the history of the sport. Gordon's Gin are the new benefactors, with a three-year sponsorship deal understood to be worth £450,000.

CYCLING: Adri van der Poel, of the Netherlands, beat Jean-Philip Vandenbrande, of Belgium, in a *sprint finish yesterday to win the* 65th annual Paris-Brussels cycle race.

BADMINTON: Richard Outterside, from Orsett, in Essex, has been rewarded for his remarkable win over Kim Moon Soo and Park Joo Bong, the world and All England doubles champions, by being selected for his first England cap in this country.

ENGLAND: Men: S Baddeley, N Yates S Butler, D Hall, N Tier, R Outterside, A Goode, C Dobson, D Tellor. **Women:** H Troke, N Perry, K Beckman, G Gowers, S Hassell, F Eliot, G Clark.

SNOOKER: Wayne Jones, a Welshman in his second year as a professional, beat Willie Thorn, the World No 11, by 5-0 in their third round match of the Rothmans Grand Prix at Redwood Lodge Country Club, Bristol, yesterday.

*VOLLEYBALL: The English Vol*leyball Association has appointed David Joy, a teacher from Newcastle-under-Lyme, as its junior development officer, to commence his duties on January 1.

Quality of run is not yet known

Salmon netting hampered by fast-flowing water

By Conrad Voss Bark



Curiously enough, at a time when salmon netting has been coming under increasing criticism from conservationists and rod-and-line anglers, in at least some river estuaries netting has been stopped by the weather. When a big river is in flood and every kind of debris from tree trunks to dead cows is hurtling downstream at a pace of knots no salmon can possibly stand the strain.

The result has been that when netting has been stopped or at least limited, the salmon have run fast and unimpeded upstream so fast indeed that they may be 20 or 30 miles up river and still with the sea lice on them. These are, of course, quite exceptional conditions, so it would be premature to say that the salmon runs are better this year than last, for that we shall not know for some time.

But one interesting point that emerges is that even in spate water, getting on for the colour of milk chocolate and moving fast, a heavy tube fly in a sinking line will take a fish when visibility may not be much more than a foot. Visibility for us depends on looking down into the water. For the fish it may be a lot better looking up. Fly buffs believe so. It may be true.

Salmon fishing is made up largely of beliefs. A friend who has been fishing that lovely river, the Aberdeenshire Dee, has come back with a number. They are worth retelling. How many times should one mend a line – once, twice, several times? Conflicting advice comes from the ghillies on how to *strike when a fish takes. Do not hold* a loop of line. Hold a loop of line. If a fish takes, say half the Lord's Prayer before striking. If a fish takes, let four turns of the reel go before striking, and strike off the reel and do not touch the line.

The best advice I ever had, however, which is at least the simplest of all, came from a wise old ghillie: if the fish pulls you, you pull him.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Men's Grand Prix Tournament: First round (US unless stated): B Schultz bt S Perkins (Ja), 7-6, 6-4; M Leach bt B Dickinson, 6-4, 7-5; T Wilkison bt T Cain, 6-2, 7-5; J Kriek (SA) bt R Green, 6-4, 7-5; R Krishnan (India) bt M Depeimer, 6-3, 7-6; B Pearce bt P Fleming, 6-2, 6-4; L Stefanki bt D Pate, 7-6, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Dickson, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; S Davis bt M Pur, 6-2, 7-6; J Arias bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; P Annacone bt D Goldie, 6-1, 6-4; K Flach bt J Seidl, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; J Lloyd (GB) bt T Moor, 6-7, 6-4, 6-0; V van Patten bt B Teacher, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

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SPEEDWAY

LEAGUE CUP: Second leg: Reading 48, Wolverhampton 32. Reading win 94-72 on aggregate.

National League: Milton Keynes 46, Berwick 32.

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VOLLEYBALL

ROME: World Junior Championships: Semi-finals men: Group A: South Korea bt Argentina 3-0, Netherlands bt China 3-2, Italy bt Chile 3-0. Group B: Brazil bt France 3-0; Cuba bt Japan 3-0; Soviet Union bt Bulgaria 3-0. Play-off for 13th-16th places: *Saudi Arabia* bt Egypt 3-2, Mexico bt Tunisia 3-2. Women: Group A: Japan bt Peru 3-0; China bt Mexico 3-0. Group B: Bulgaria 3-0, Czechoslovakia bt Australia 3-1, Cuba bt Soviet Union 3-0; Brazil bt South Korea 3-2. Play-offs for 13th-16th places: Finland bt New Zealand 3-0

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ATHLETICS: WORLD RECORD HOLDER SEEKS ADVICE FROM FINNISH DOCTOR

Cram decides he will not have surgery before next season

By Pat Butcher

Steve Cram believes he may be able to avoid having an operation on his injured leg, despite advice to the contrary from a world authority on 'compartment syndrome', whom Cram has visited in Finland.

After the disappointment of his defeat by Steve Ovett in the Westminster Road mile last Sunday, due he felt to insufficient training since the injury, Cram flew to Helsinki for a day of tests under Doctor Pekka Pentakallio, who has already performed the operation on Hugh Jones and Barry Smith. This involves the release of pressure on an overgrown shin tendon.

On his return Cram said: "The doctor is convinced that my injury is compartment syndrome, but said that it was up to me whether I have the operation, which would get rid of it once and for all. But he also explained how I could get through the season without having surgery.

He told me there were risks in not having the operation and that the injury could get really bad at the wrong time. He said I could combat it by using an ice pack every time I ran, and by having massage and water treatment every day. I am fairly sure that I won't be having surgery before next season."

Nick Rose, in only his second race following an operation after the Olympic Games last year, featured prominently in Sunday's Philadelphia half marathon, a race which highlighted the controversy over the world's fastest time for the distance.

In 1982 Mohammed Kedir, of Ethiopia, set what was then thought to be the fastest time when he won the Stramilano race in Italy in 61min 2sec. Since then, however, there have been claims that the course had not been properly measured. As a result of these claims Steve Jones's time of 61.14, set in Birmingham last month, was heralded as the world's fastest time.

The Philadelphia half marathon was won in 60min 55sec by Mark Curp, of the United states, with the Tanzanian, Mike Musyoki, second in 50.58 and Rose third in 61.03.

Since the Americans are among the leaders in properly measured courses, Curp's time will probably be accepted as the fastest half marathon. Rose's excellent race follows his second place in a five-mile event, also in the United States, two weeks ago.

● Prague, (AP) – The Communist Party newspaper declared yesterday that the European Athletic Association has justified in banning two Czechoslovak athletes, discus thrower Zdenka Silhava and shot-putter Remigins Machura from competition for life because they used stimulants.



Cram: pressing on despite his shin injury

YACHTING

British baby is shaping up well for challenge

By John Nicholls

The British challenge for the America's Cup continues to make satisfactory progress and, in the words of Graham Walker, the campaign president of the challenge, "The baby is born, putting on weight, and in good shape." The baby in question is the first of the syndicate's two new 12-metre yachts, now well advanced in Cougar Marine's yard at Southampton. She is due to be christened by the Princess of Wales on December 4.

The second boat has also been started and will be built alongside the first, with completion due about six weeks later. Both will be shipped direct to Perth in the new year, where they will sail against one another until it is decided which boat and which crew will enter the challenger's elimination series in October.

A public limited company has been formed to control the financing of the project, which will largely be from sponsorship, though individual participation will be encouraged. The current budget is for £3.5m in addition to the suppy in kind of goods and services amounting to nearly another million pounds.

Details of the boats are still secret, though the first, designed by Ian Howlett, is described as "a state of the art extension". That is something better than Australia II which won the Cup in 1983. The second by David Hollom, will be radical and presumably quite different underwater from anything attempted before.

Both boats have been designed from the outset to allow for limited alterations to be made in the light of sailing experience. Only then will it be known if the months of research and tank testing have produced a potential winner.

Cup fever begins in Australia

From John Roberson
Fremantle

September 1 is officially the first day of spring in Australia, and as well as some seasoned weather it was heralded here by the installation of 12-metre mast in Australia II, the yacht that toook the America's Cup from the New York Yacht Club two years ago. Australia II was the first 12-metre back in action in what is going to be a busy sumer.

A few days later the South Australian defence syndicate, whose yacht South Australia, is named after their state, joined Alan Bond's Australia II for some training races. These two yachts will continue to train together until the end of September when South Australia will be pushed out of the Bond syndicate nest by the arrival of the first new 12-metre of the season, Australia III. This latest Ben Lexcen-designed boat will be launched next Friday.

The third Fremantle-based defence group, the Task Force '87 syndicate, backed by Kevin Parry, the Perth entrepreneur, hope to relaunch their yacht Kookaburra next Monday and will start training with South Australia when they split from the Bond camp. The Task Force '87 syndicate expect to launch a new yacht in late November.

The first of the challenging clubs to have their yachts training off Fremantle will be the New York Yacht Club whose two yachts are due to arrive next Wednesday. They will be followed in October by two Italian syndicates representing the Costa Smeralda and the Italiano yacht clubs, both of which are expected to bring two 12-metres each. Other syndicates expected during the summer are the two French callenges from the Societe Nautique de Marseilles, and the Societé des Régates Rochelaises, who will probably bring one yacht each.

The True North syndicate from the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron are coming with one yacht, as are the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the Couragwous Syndicate from the Yale Corinthian Yacht Club and the San Diego Yacht Club. The British challenge, through the Royal Thames Yacht Club, are also believed to be planning ro have their first new 12-metre here before the end of the summer.

If the Bond syndicate's regime is yardstick, the othe campaigners will not have much time to enjoy themselves. The Bond training programme gives the crews only one day off per week – Sundays – and they sail for five and a half days a week, devoting Wednesday afternoons to boat maintenance.

RUGBY UNION

Referees ask clubs to deal with problem of foul play

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The London Society of Rugby Union Referees emphasized the stand that clubs must take over foul play at their annual meeting on Tuesday evening. Referees, they said, mindful of the stand taken last Saturday by their colleague, George Crawford, have been placed in an invidious position because of the failure of club officials to offer sufficient support.

Crawford walked out of the club match between Bristol and Newport last Saturday as a protest against foul play. But he is to continue his normal series of referee appointments amid an overwhelming swell of sympathy and support from other London referees.

In purely personal terms it may be no bad thing that he will handle a schools game this Saturday rather than a first-class fixture while the Rugby Football Union collate reports from all parties concerned with the Bristol game.

In a prepard statement, Johnny Johnson, the former international referee and now president of the London Society, said: "This spells out, I think, more than in any other way the society's attitude to the events of last Saturday.

"Whether the laws of the game are adequate is not a matter for us to say but the London Society and societies throughout the country have always expressed the opinion and hope that clubs and selectors would deal with foul play in the first place. For far too long referees have been placed in an invidious position because of lack of support by clubs, coaches and selectors.

"The opinion of the London Society and, for that matter, throughout the country is that something has to be done. Whether the method used by George Crawford was the correct one we don't know and we must leave the matter in the hands of the RFU."

Crawford was among some 250 members who attended the society's annual meeting. A copy of his report will be made available to Newport, whose committee met last night after the game against Pontypool – which was handled by Clive Norling, Britain's leading referee – to discuss last weekend's events.

England Colts, who return this week from an unbeaten five-match tour of Canada, will play Italy for the third year running this season. The game will be on March 22 at an Italian venue yet to be decided and only two members of the Canadian tour party remain eligible for it.

England conceded only 41 points in Canada while scoring 170. Highly impressive was their second-half resurgence against British Columbia, when a half-time deficit of 11-12 was turned into a 28-12 victory. They beat Canada Juniors 16-13 in the final match in Vancouver, thanks to a penalty deep in injury time from Hobbs, the Rosslyn Park fullback.

This complemented an earlier penalty and conversion to a try by Bennett (Bristol). Bentley (Cleckheaton) scored a second try and proved one of the successes of a talented party, his strong running on the wing earning eight tries in four games. Eves, the Bristol flanker, also distinguished himself in all five games.

Results: beat Quebec 55-3; beat Ontario 19-6; beat Alberta 52-7; beat British Columbia 28-12; beat Canada Juniors 16-13.

Injury-hit Scots to be led by Deans

By David Hands

Colin Deans, the Scottish hooker, will captain the South of Scotland party which travels to Ireland to play Ulster at Ravenhill tomorrow and Leinster at Donnybrook on Sunday.

Unfortunately, the party has been affected by injuries and unavailability and the selection committees will announce today replacements for Gass and Hogarth, the Hawick pair who have business commitments, and for Bryson, the injured Gala scrum half. They also await a fitness report on Turnbull, hurt during Hawick's defeat at the hands of Gosforth on Tuesday.

Nevertheless, the party includes 10 internationals, among them the Selkirk half-back pair of Rutherford and Hunter. Laidlaw (Jed-Forest), who missed the last two months of the 1984-5 season after being injured against France, is fit once more and although unavailable this weekend for the South, seems likely to challenge Hunter for the scrum-half place in the national side, which he has graced on 31 occasions.

Oliver (Hawick) replaces Bryson in the party, which also lacks the services of Tomes and Campbell, Hawick's international second-row pair. Dods, the Gala full back, was in effervescent form for the Barbarians against London Welsh last Saturday and will be hoping to give Tukalo and Robertson on the wing the same kind of support he offered the two English wings, Underwood and Smith, for the Barbarians.

South face a particularly awkward task tomorrow against Ulster, last season's Irish provincial champions who are able to field an all-international three-quarter line, among them Irwin, the 1983 British Lion, who leads the side. Two London Irishmen are chosen in the Ulster pack, Kennedy in the front row, and McCall, capped as a replacement against France last season, at lock.



Deans: tough task

Richard Williams examines the blight of drugs on America's pastime

Scandal shakes baseball's values

Suddenley it seems that the noble game of baseball is being played on a surface that is neither the finely tended lawn of Chicago's Wrigley Field nor the Astro Turf of the Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia. The new substance goes by the name of "supergrass".

While the cubs were losing 5-4 to the St Louis Cardinals on a sunlit September afternoon amidst the ivy-clad dignity of Wrigley Field, it was difficult to imagine that such a pleasant, old-fashioned, beer-and-popcorn world could be defaced by scandal. Hence the shock felt by baseball's millions of fans in the United States when a retired player called John Milner told a crowded Pittsburgh courtroom last week that he had seen drugs in Willie Mays's locker.

Gasps in the court anticipated the nation's reaction as Milner described spotting the offending item, a bottle of a liquid amphetamine known to the players as "red juice", when he and Mays were both on the playing strength of the New York Mets in 1973.

Mays, a member of baseball's Hall of Fame and the only ball player to rate a mention in a Bob Dylan lyric, reacted with a turn of phrase that seemed particularly appropriate. "If you're going to bring me into this," he said, "that's un-American." It was already too late. He had become the atest in a string of famous players whose alleged activities have led the United States into the kind of moral self-questioning experienced in England after the football tragedies at Bradford and Brussels, accompanied by the smirking prurience that generally attends news of the extra-curricular activities of Ian Botham and Charlie Nicholas.

Guilt by association is among the dominant themes in the trial of Curtis Strong, a former Philadelphia Phillies caterer accused of selling drugs to the players. The defendant himself has been almost completely overlooked in the rush to smear heroes of bat and ball. Baseball enthusiasts, as conscious of tradition as cricket fans, listened in horror to the well-known players who, encouraged by the granting of immunity against prosecution, queued up to agree that in the locker rooms of the major leagues it had long ago been decided that the team talk went better with coke.

The Mets' Keith Hernandez and the Yankees' Dale Berra – son of the famous Yogi Berra – were among those eager not only to admit their own misdeeds but to name names among their colleagues. "I've been through the list of all the players who've been mentioned," one commentator told the audience of ABC Television's "Good Morning America" show the other day, "and I've got a hell of a team."

So freely did the ball-playing canaries sing that a whiff of McCarthyism seemed to hang in the air. As a Chicago sports columnist observed: "If no other lesson emerges from the agonizing confessions in Pittsburgh, athletes must now know that you can't trust a pal with a straw up his nose."

Howard Cosell, the veteran broadcaster who might be described as both the Dan Maskell and the Jimmy Hill of sport in the United States, blamed the liberal attitudes of the Sixties for the fact that there is, in his words, "no definable moral centre on the question of drugs in America today." When he described it as "an overriding societal problem," he was giving a slightly muted version of Ron Saunders's speech on the morning after the slaughter in the Heysel Stadium, when the Birmingham City manager looked squarely at the camera and talked about how the English had become a nation of liars, cheats, cowards and worse.

Mind you, Cosell went on, this business of sportsmen getting mixed up with drugs wasn't really anything new – not, at least, if you knew about the way that the baseball players of the Thirties took the field pumped up with Novocaine. He chose not to make the distinction between, on the one hand, team doctors applying pain-deadening substances to injuries and, on the other, players indulging their desire for recreational stimulants.

Then, echoing debates familiar from the recent history of British sport, Cosell asked the hardest question of all. "Why should an athlete become a sort of surrogate parent in so many American homes? There's nothing in the players' background to fit them for that." His compassion seems to have attracted only limited support. An editorial in Sports Illustrated suggested harsh suspensions and backed the principle of mandatory random drug testing. This was announced as official policy several months ago by the baseball commissioner, Peter Ueberroth, but has so far been successfully resisted by the major-league players. "The integrity of the game is at stake," the magazine concluded.

Oddly, the breaking of the story coincided with the breaking of one of baseball's greatest records. In front of 47,237 spectators at Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium, 44-year-old Pete Rose clouted a single into left-centre field to beat Ty Cobb's figure of 4,191 hits, which had stood since 1928 as the highest in a career.

Rose, one of baseball's hard men, wept as the crowd erupted in a celebration that stopped play for seven minutes. The owner of the Cincinnati Reds, a lady of ample girth called Marge, ran on to the field to kiss the new record holder, who is her team's player-manager. A red Corvette sports car, a gift from a local dealer (of Chevrolets rather than cocaine, one piously assumes), was driven slowly past the pitcher's mound. In bars and dens across America, glasses were raised to the television screen. At the end of the game, Rose stood on home plate and took a telephone call from President Reagan, their conversation amplified through the stadium's public address.

What no one could quite work out, though, was whether the courtroom revelations had soiled the innocent pleasure of Rose's feat, or whether his historic deed had come as a providential opportunity to divert attention from the nasty smell wafting out of Pittsburgh. Whether the baseball scandal will give birth to an American equivalent of Ron Saunder's Save Our Society movement, a sort of sporting Moral Majority, remains to be seen.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bamford calls up young Hill

By Keith Macklin

Ellery Hanley, whose recent move from Bradford Northern to Wigan set a British transfer record, was named on Tuesday by the coach, Maurice Bamford, in the Great Britain squad of 19 to take part in special training between now and the first international against New Zealand at Leeds on October 19.

The surprise inclusion in the squad is the burly young Leeds forward, Brendan Hill, who celebrated his 21st birthday last Sunday, and who has made rapid and powerful strides in only his second full League season. Hill is one of five new caps, the others being the Castleford scrum half, Robert Beardmore, the experienced Salford and former Widnes centre, Kieran O'Loughlin, the Widnes forward, John Fieldhouse, and the Wigan forward, Ian Potter, who has played for England but not previously for Great Britain.

Eleven of the players were on the 1984 tour of Australasia and there is a new captain – the fourth in 18 months – in Harry Pinner of St Helens. The previous captains have been Brian Noble, Andy Goodway and Ellery Hanley.

The squad will take part in special training sessions every Friday, starting this week at Hudderdsfield, and will meet at a Lancashire country club on the Wednesday before the international match. Des Drummond, who has the most caps to date with 17, is expected to be fit after recovering from ankle and knee injuries.

SQUAD: R Beardmore (Castleford), M Burke (Widnes), D Drummond (Leigh), S Edwards (Wigan), D Fox (Featherstone), E Hanley (Wigan), J Lydon (Widnes), A Myler (Widnes), K O'Loughlin (Salford), G Schofield (Hull), K Beardmore (Castleford), C Burton (Hull KR), L Crookes (Hull), J Fieldhouse (Widnes), A Goodway (Wigan), B Hill (Leeds), H Pinner (St Helens), I Potter (Wigan), D Watkinson (Hull KR).

● Oldham, still without a win this season, could be without 15 players for Sunday's first division game at Hull. Ten are injured, two suspended, two unavailable because of work commitments, and Des Foy, the Great Britain centre, withdrew in order to attend a wedding in Ireland.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Why Fulham are just wild about Harry

Harry the pensioner is typical of the spirit that keeps Fulham alive. He has one or two other odd jobs to keep him busy and put a few pence in his pocket, but he works for Fulham for nothing. When Fulham had to move in haste from Crystal Palace sports centre to their new ground at Chiswick Polytechnic, Harry came along to do his bit.

He cleaned chairs caked with dirt, helped to clear the stand of rubbish, and oiled the hinges on the gates. No one knows Harry's surname, he just likes to be called Harry. And when asked why he does it he says: "I just want to do my bit for the club." Harry also travels to every away game.

Harry is not alone in helping out at Fulham. Everyone from Roy Close, the managing director, Mrs Barbara Close, the chairman, downwards, took their coats off and got hands and faces dirty scrabbling among the dusty seats and crumbling fencing at the Polytechnic ground, with its one grandstand and wide open spaces of grass banking.

The husband and wife team at Close and Close scoff or react angrily when there is talk of Fulham going the way of Southend Invicta or Bridgend. They remain tactfully silent about the problems that torpedoed those two clubs. Roy Close says: "We will make our mark in the second division. We have a good team, and a good ground which we can develop." The word 'develop' seems a bit of a euphemism. When Fulham played so splendidly at Wigan in the Lancashire Cup on Sunday and led 13-12 with less than 10 minutes to go, Roy and Barbara Close were dreading a draw and a replay.

***Chiswick Polytechnic's ground* could not have coped with an invasion of Wigan fans or an influx of local supporters. At the most 2,000 could have been housed at Chiswick. It was almost a mercy that Wigan got a couple of late tries – rather luckily – to win the tie.**

The development of the Chiswick ground will be slow and gradual as money is not available for extensive improvements. However, the volunteer labour force of supporters and well-wishers will continue to put up terracing brick by brick, stone by stone, as they become available from derelict sites and generous builders' merchants.

"We'll be grateful for anything," Mrs Close, Rugby League's first woman club chairman, said. "Anyone dismantling an old stand or demolishing a big building would do us a terrific favour by letting us know. We'll happily take the materials." Recently the club got some notice boards, curtains and other materials from a disused Reckitt & Coleman factory.

Even with a good ground Fulham know they have a hard fight on their hands to keep the 13-a-side game going in an area which, in 1980, roared its approval with 15,000 crowds at Craven Cottage for the exciting new game. Mr Close explained the nub of the problem.

"It is not easy in London. In the north there are traditional loyalties to Rugby League in places like Wigan, St Helens, Leeds and Hull, going back nearly a century.

"There is no such traditional loyalty in London. We have a wonderful, magnificent hard core of around 600 or 700 who support us through thick and thin, work on the ground, sell tickets, and travel to away games, but we need new faces on the terraces, and we can get them only through success on the field and more publicity off it."

It has been and still is, a tough road ahead for the Maidenhead businessman and his wife who took over the reins when Fulham's Craven Cottage venture folded. The Crystal Palace experiment did not work. There was no atmosphere and no support from the area. The Closes admit, somewhat ruefully, to having learnt "a few hard lessons" in management during the past year, but with loyal support from Roy Lester the industrious team manager, and their fans, they are determined to succeed. After all, as Mrs Close says, they cannot let people like Harry down.

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CRICKET: RICHARDS PIPS BOYCOTT TO FIRST PLACE

Batsmen continue to break cover

By Richard Streeton

Those favouring a return to uncovered pitches will find support for their argument by the final English first-class batting averages for 1985. Viv Richards, Somerset's West Inmdian, pipped Geoffrey Boycott, of Yorkshire, for first place in a list, which has 19 batsmen averaging more than 50. In a wet summer it is a staggering proportion and continues a trend started when English cricket adopted full covering five years ago.

The extent to which the bat was dominating the ball became noticeable in 1982 when 14 batsmen averaged more than 50, the highest number since 15 did so in 1934. The record number was 23 in 1928, and within a few years, to redress the balance, the size of the wicket was increased and the l-b-w law changed. Covered wickets since 1981 have denied bnowlers the chance to bowl on wet pitches and have increased the cost of wicket-taking.

Richards hit nine centuries and six fifties and his average of 76.50 was not bolstered by any not outs. Boycott was undefeated in 12 innings. Gooch, unlike many players, was not distracted by his benefit year and finished third. Gooch's aggregate of 2,208 was the highest. He, Randall and Chris Smith were the only batsmen to pass 2,000 runs.

In a summer when Botham broke all sorts of records for fast scoring and six hitting, he finished fourth in the averages, the first time he has appeared in the top 20 for batting. Imran Khan, clearly revitalised by playing irregularly, finished fifth in the batting list and sixth in the bowling.

Neal Radford, who joined Worcestershire this season after being released by Lancashire, was the only bowler to reach 100 wickets. Apart from Edmunds, Radford also bowled more overs than anybody else among the leaders. Ellison topped the bowling list and Marshall, with 95 wickets, had the second highest aggregate.

Occasion for caps

Surrey, who finished third in the county championship, have awarded county caps to Andy Needham, all rounder, who passed 1,000 runs for the first time this season, Tony Grey, the West Indies fast bowler and Alec Stewart, son of Mickey Stewart, the Surrey manager.

Amarnath's 116 puts India in strong position

Kandy, Sri Lanka, (Reuter) – India, spurred by an accomplished 116 not out by Mohinder Amarnath, set Sri Lanka a target of 377 and reduced them to 78 for three by the close of the fourth day of the third and final Test yesterday.

India left themselves 420 minutes and 20 mandatory overs to dismiss Sri Lanka after extending their overnight 149 for one to 325 for five declared. The Sri Lankan openers, Sidath Wethimuny and Dilip Vengsorkar, fell with only eight scored.

INDIA: First innings 249 (D. B. Vengsakar 52; S Ahangama 5 for 52).
Second Innings

R J Shastri c Amal Silva b Ahangama	31
K Srikkanth lbw b Ahangama	47
M B Amaranath not out	116
D B Vengsarkar lbw b Ahangama	10
*Kapil Dev b Ranatunga	2
M Azmarudin b Ratnayake	43
S M Gavaskar not out	15
Extras (lb 5, no 2, w 4)	11
Total (5 wkts dec)	325

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-178, 3-206, 4-211, 5-289.

BOWLING: de Mel 13-2-66-0; Ratnayake 23-2-97-1; Ahangama 27-6-72-3; Ranatunga 15-4-51-1; Jurampathy 4-0-24-0; Madugalle 1-0-10-0.

SRI LANKA: First Innings 196 (L R D Mendis 53; M Singh 4 for 31)
Second innings

S Wettimuny c Vengsarkar b Sharma	5
Ami Silva c Viswanath b Kapil Dev	2
R S Madugalle c Viswanath b Kapil Dev	10
†R L Dias not out	24
*L R D Mendis not out	29
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 2)	8
Total (3 wkts)	78

A Ranatunga, S Arnangama, Aravinge de Silva, R Jurampathy, A de Mel and R Ratnayake to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-8, 3-34.

BOWLING (to date): Kapil Dev 7-1-29-2, Sharma 7-1-23-1; Singh 4-8-0; Shastri 3.3-1-12-0.

Award for Slack

Wilf Slack has won the £600 Middlesex player of the season award sponsored by Austin Reed. He scored 1,900 first class runs for Middlesex at an average of over 50.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.0 kick off unless stated

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Manchester City; Sheffield Wednesday v Derby. Second division: Notts County v Scunthorpe; Preston v Oldham; Stoke v Blackpool.
BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Preliminary round replay: Vauxhall Motors v Biggleswade.

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CORNWALL CUP: First round: Camborne v St Austell.
CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Newquay Hornets v St Ives.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Sheffield v Belle Vue (7.30); Swindon v King's Lynn (7.30). Knock-out cup: Ipswich v Cradley Heath (7.30).
CHALLENGE: Middlesbrough v Mildenhall (7.30).
INTER-LEAGUE CHALLENGE: Arena Essex v Oxford (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Nestle's Junior Championships finals (Queen's Club, Kensington).
SNOOKER: Rothmans Grand Prix (Bristol); Lainge Scottish Masters (Glasgow).
BASKETBALL: U-Bix Copiers British Championship: Semi-final: Sharp Manchester United v Polycell Kingston Kings (Urmston, 7.45).

SWIMMING: David Reeves has been appointed secretary of the Amateur Swimming Association. He will take up the position on October 1. Reeves, aged 51, became a diving coach at the age of 18, moved into swimming after seven years and then became associated with water polo.

SNOOKER: Tony Drago, Malta's only professional, qualified for the televised phase of the Rothmans Grand Prix at Reading on October 19-27, by beating the Scottish champion, Murdo Macleod, 5-3 in their third-round match at Redwood Lodge Country Club, Bristol, yesterday. The Canadian champion, Cliff Thorburn, and the former Australian champion, Eddie Charlton, also qualified to play at Reading.

IN BRIEF

Drug tests in store

The Scottish Badminton Union will introduce random dope testing for the first time at the Famous Rouse Scottish Open championships at Meadowbank in November.

The SBU administrator, Anne Smillie, said yesterday that the decision had been taken in order to "keep in step" with other major tournaments which operate drug testing.

● The Malaysian international invitation tournament has been cancelled because top players are unwilling to compete. Organizers say the tournament, scheduled for December 1-6, has fallen foul of badminton's crowded calendar.

SKIING Thomas Cook are to provide £50,000 sponsorship towards promoting UK events, staging ski 'clinics' for younger skiers.

MODERN PENTATHLON

Guard deserves a medal

By Michael Coleman

The sixth place for Dominic Mahony in the world junior championships which concluded in Kiev on Wednesday concealed a 30,000-mile odyssey that preceded the contest.

Since August 10, Mahony, aged 21, from Gosport, had travelled to Australia for the senior world championships in Melbourne, where he was reserve, had continued to Kobe in Japan to fence for Britain in the World Student Games, and then went on to Kiev via London and Moscow for the world junior. For more than five weeks he has lived out of a suitcase.

The jumior title was won by Vaktang Yagorashvili, (Soviet Union) with 5,672 points, a huge total. Mahony's final score of 5,404 was only 32 points short of the bronze medal. After brilliant fencing, Mahony went on to score 1,176 points in the swim (3 mins 32 secs), 846 points in the shooting (187) and 1,248 ponts in the cross country run (9:28 for 3,000 metres).

The five who finished above Mahony, who is a Life Guard officer on a course at the London School of Economics, were all state-supported East Europeans.

Results: 1, V Yagorashvili (USSR) 5,672; 2, I Makeyev (USSR) 5,572; 3, V Ilyev (Bul) 5,436; 4, A Kolonic (Hun) 5,432; 5, J Martinek (Hun) 5427; 6, D Mahony (GB) 5,404. Other British: 25, J Lawrence 4,967; 40, J Bartlett 4,449. Teams: 1, USSR 16,548; 2, Hungary 16,154; 3, Bulgaria 16,058. 8, Britain 14,820.

Pole changes rank

Milan, (AP) – Lech Piasecni, of Poland, the world amateur open road cycling champion, has turned professional. He has signed for the Italian commercial team, Del Tongo-Colnago.

FINAL LEADING AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: 10 innings, average 49.00.

	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
I V A Richards	24	0	1836	322	76.50
G Boycott	34	12	1857	184	75.31
G A Gooch	33	2	2206	202	71.22
I T Botham	27	5	1330	152	60.54
Imran Kahn	21	8	890	117*	68.46
Younis Ahmed	30	8	1421	177	64.59
Javed Miandad	29	6	1441	200*	62.65
R T Robinson	31	4	1618	176	59.96
G L Smith	39	4	2000	143*	57.14
J G Wright	18	2	797	177*	55.92
M W Gatting	34	5	1650	160	56.89
P Bainbridge	38	9	1644	151*	56.68
C E B Rice	33	8	1394	171*	55.76
D I Gower	29	2	1477	215	54.70
W N Slack	43	8	1900	201*	54.28
D W Randall	47	7	2151	117	53.77
M A Lynch	36	7	1714	148	53.56
G T Rigney	36	12	1375	200	52.88
G A Hick	25	1	1265	230	52.70
D A Thorne	20	3	894	124	48.94

*Not out

WICKETKEEPERS: G W Humpage 80 dismissals (78ct; 2 E East 73 (69ct); B N French 70 (64ct); R C Russell 65 (59ct); R J Parks 62 (56ct); M A Garnham 60 (53ct).
FIELDERS: M A Lynch 36 catches; V P Terry 34; G Miller 27; C W J Athey 26; G A Gooch 23; B Roberts 22; J W Lloyds 22.

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avge
R M Ellison	432.1	113	1118	65	17.20
R J Hadlee	473.5	136	1026	59	17.38
M D Marshall	668.1	153	1680	95	17.68
G E Sainsbury	778.0	59	481	27	17.81
C A Walsh	560.3	132	1706	95	20.07
Imran Khan	422.1	114	1040	51	20.39
T M Trenlett	655.5	180	1620	75	21.60
Kapil Dev	304.5	83	805	37	21.75
M A Holding	354.5	87	1124	50	22.48
P W J Allott	558.2	167	1326	58	22.89
L B Taylor	586.5	141	1376	60	22.93
N G Cowans	474.2	85	1676	73	22.95
A H Gray	524.0	98	1616	78	22.96
K M Curran	489.5	104	1419	61	23.26
J Garner	296.1	77	739	31	23.83
D V Lawrence	544.5	96	2063	85	24.92
N V Radford	779.4	130	2486	101	24.88
D B Gravenay	401.5	133	1013	41	24.70
R J Doughty	228.5	36	867	34	25.50
J D Inchmore	338.5	72	844	33	25.57
P A J de Freitas	234.2	43	703	27	26.03
G C Small	592.3	113	1850	69	26.81

FASTEST HUNDRED: I T Botham (Somerset) in 50 balls v Warwickshire at Edgbaston on July 26.

BEST BOWLING: J P Agnew (Leicestershire) nine for 70 v Kent at Leicester on July 28.

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Racing: A profile of the dynamic head of one of the longest-running equine dynasties

Hallgate should enhance his reputation with Trophy win

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Hallgate is napped to enhance his steadily growing reputation as not just the best two-year-old in training in the north but also one of the best in the country by winning the Harry Rosebery Challenge Trophy at Ayr today.

Being by Vaguely Great and out of a mare by Rarity, Mudlark's Boat, Hallgate should not mind the softish ground underfoot. Also his record of six victories from 10 runs shows he is equally at home racing over five furlongs as he is over six.

It was over today's minimum trip on dead ground at York that he gained his most resounding success to date when winning the Prince of Wales's Fillies' Stakes. In his last race, at York, he was beaten only half a length by Sweet Adelaide, who went on to run well at the Curragh last Saturday when third in the race won by Tate Gallery. Before that, Dasa Queen had been narrowly beaten at Chepstow by Sunley Sinner, who was successful again there last Saturday.

The course specialist, Dozario, will be seeking his fourth victory on the track in the Bogside Cup. But I doubt his ability to give this amount of weight to the recent Nottingham winner, Peggy Caroline who, on a line through Stately Born, appears to have a few pounds in hand over John Dunlop's runner, Bold Rex. If Bold Rex is beaten Dunlop can console himself by winning the Sam Hall Stakes at the end of the day with Sheikh Mohammed's improving young stayer, High Tern.

Meanwhile, at Yarmouth, it is not difficult to envisage Walter Swinburn winning two races on Jareer (2.15) and Dubian (3.45) whose presence at the Norfolk course goes to show, not for the first time, how intense the competition is in British racing these days.

Jareer, my selection for the Shadwell Maiden Stakes, cost as much as $7,100,000 when he was sold as a yearling in the United States last year. In his only race so far he was beaten a short head at Newmarket.

Dubian, the obvious selection to win the Norfolk Fillies' Stakes, has been placed this season in both the Oaks and the Irish Oaks as well as classic trials at Epsom and York.

Tuesday's course winner, Feisty, is to turn out again for the Albert Botton Memorial Nursery with his weight increased to 8st 8lb by the inevitable penalty. In this instance, though, I doubt him giving 5lb to Hills Bid, the other penalised horse in the field.

Finally, at Brighton, it may well pay to follow Willie Carson riding Barley Bill (3..30) and Semele (4.0) for Luca Cumani.

Ayr inspection

Torrential rain washed out the opening day of Scotland's biggest Flat race fixture, the Ayr western meeting, yesterday. Racing today depends on an 8 am inspection. Bill McHarg, the clerk of the course, said: "The forecast is for better weather. I just hope it arrives in time for the course to dry out. We have had a tremendous amount of rain over the last three months – nearly seven inches of rain in August and three and a half so far this month."

Aga's lasting success is in the blood

The Citroen bumped along the path between the hedges that separate the paddocks of the Ballymany Stud and came to a halt. Mares, yearlings and cattle grazed peacefully in different fields, at one with their surroundings in that magic twilight an hour before dusk. Akiyada, winner of the 1982 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and Sega Ville, the dam of Topville, the winner of the 1979 Prix du Jockey club were two of a group of mares in the pasture facing us.

They raised their heads inquiringly and then went on eating. "This is the best moment of the day for looking at stock," Ghislain Drion, the Aga Khan's stud manager said. "All animals thrive in the quiet of the evening. The Irish say that 8 o'clock on a summer's night is the best time to sell a bullock."

Two-thirds of the world's most significant private bloodstock empire are raised on the 900-acres of the Ballymany and Sheshoon Studs with their lime-rich clay topsoil on a gravel base. And since the kidnapping of Shergar, who is now presumed dead, security is extremely tight and the iron gates guarding each entrance only open after check calls on the intercom system.

Prince Karim Aga Khan IV is hereditary leader of the Ismaili sect of the Shia Muslims. He is fifty-first in line of descent from the Prophet Mohammed and traces his origins to the Fatimite Caliphs of Egypt. He is also a 49-year-old Harvard business school-trained grey-suited technocrat, administering the welfare of his 12 to 15,000,000 dependants together with his own diverse business interests and his bloodstock affairs from a computer-oriented complex at Aiglemont near Paris.

Annually millions of dollars and pounds are lavished at top yearling sales by such as the Robert Sangster-Vincent O'Brien syndicate, Stavros Niarchos, the Maktoums of Dubai and Khaled Abdulla as they seek to plunder racing's riches by sheer weight of money. Yet, amazingly, the bastions of the turf, the great middle-distance races fall more frequently to the longer established owner-breeders.

Sagace, for example, is favourite at 7-4 to repeat last year's win and give Daniel Wildenstein his third consecutive Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. And with Shernazar, the recent conqueror of Slip Anchor at Kempton; Monktar, the French Derby winner and Lashkari as possible representatives, the Aga Khan has an equally strong hand.

By modern standards this particular equine dynasty has lasted a long time. It is only 64 years since Sultan Mohammed Shah, the third Aga Khan, bought his first yearling and proceeded to win five Derbys and six St Legers among his 17 classic victories.

In 1960, the present holder of the title's father, Prince Aly Khan was killed in a car crash. It was only after much thought that the 23-year-old inheritor bought out his co-heirs, Prince Amyn and Rita Hayworth's daughter, Yasmyn. The striking success of his own endeavours was highlighted in 1981 when the Aga Khan was simultaneously leading owner in England, Ireland and France.

The tempo of the Aga's success started to increase in 1977. In that year he sold Blushing Groom to the Gainesway Stud in Kentucky for $6.3 million and with the help of the proceeds acquired the 82 horses from the estate of Mme Dupré, whose husband, François had been one of the leading owner-breeders in France since 1921.

Then in 1978, the year he moved into his modern training complex at Aiglemont, the Aga Khan purchased the 200-horse empire of the textile magnate, Marcel Boussac, after a saga of controversial litigation involving the French government and Wayne Marty, an American.

The present band of broodmares is 180 strong. There are 170 horses in training, 100 with Alain de Royer-Dupré at Aiglemont and 35 each with Michael Stoute and Fulke Johnson Houghton. The Aga Khan also has 101 yearlings and 113 foals at his three French studs and his two in Ireland.

Explaining his administrative policy, the Aga Khan said: "Drion runs the Irish side from Ballymany and Mme O'Brien the French from Aiglemont. Miss Lang, my private racing secretary has the responsibility of co-ordinating my bloodstock interests. There is also a separate team, who help in evaluating the pedigrees and other data."

In the ceaseless struggle for supremacy on the turf, the Aga Khan owes his continuing success to his possession of the blood lines developed by his grandfather, Boussac and Dupré.





Faithful servant and master: leading Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe candidate, Shernazar, and the Aga Khan

Plundering riches by weight of money

Continuity remains the vital factor

"Continuity is the vital factor," he said, "continuity of thought, continuity of evaluation and of planning. This way we can keep looking forward as we make long-term projections. Don't forget that we have to keep mares for a long time. It's eight years before a maiden mare has a chance to prove her worth.

A wide variety of stallions is used. "Basically we try and use stallions to suit each individual mare. I'm not knocking Northern Dancer. That would be foolish in view of his outstanding success. But there are drawbacks, as his progeny tend not to be able to act in soft ground and many are on the small side.

"However, we have a share in the Minstrel and also use the Coolmore stallions when necessary. But I think the immediate future lies in the male line of Never Bend, through Mill Reef, Shirley Heights. And of course I have Darshaan, my French derby winner, who is by Shirley Heights out of a Boussac mare, Delsy."

The ever-increasing complexities of modern life place enormous demands on the time and energy of the Aga Khan, as he grapples with the problems of his dependants in the ever-increasing third world, moving restlessly about in his private jet. "Everything happens so quickly nowadays," he said. "There's so much pressure, but I still find time for racing."

The world of the modern thoroughbred presents a fascinating contrast between the mindless speed of the computer age and the slower-beating heart of the countryside. And the inner strength of the Aga Khan's bloodstock empire lies in the Irish and French countryside, in Sharmeen, the dam of Shergar and Shernazar, with a foal by Great Nephew at foot; in Zahra, the only daughter of the fabulous Petite Etoile and Dumka, the mother of Dalsaan.

"Of course we all miss Shergar," the Aga concluded, "but his son, Danishgar ran pretty well first time out at Doncaster and he's also got quite a useful half-brother (Shernazar)-running in the Arc." And so the descendants of the flying Mumtaz Mahal continue to play their part in the Aga Khan's unrelenting struggle for power on the European turf.

Michael Seely

Starkey in 8,000-mile search for winners

Greville Starkey struck winning form at Brighton yesterday as he prepared for the toughest four-day schedule of his career. After riding at Newbury on Friday, Guy Harwood's stable jockey travles to New York to partner Raft in the Turf Classic at Aqueduct on Saturday.

He then flies back across the Atlantic to Milan for the Gran Premio de Italia in which he rides St Hilarion on Sunday. A round trip of 8,000miles is completed when the 45-year old jockey reports for duty at Bath on Monday.

Starkey said: "It's certainly the stiffest riding stunt I have ever done, and it's a fairly safe bet I'll strip a few pounds lighter at Bath".

Starkey broke the two-year-old hand-timed course record on Picatrix in the Coldean Maiden Stakes. He produced the Stavros Niarchos-owned colt inside the final furlong to beat the hot favourite, Danski, by three lengths.

Matt McCourt and David Arbuthnot were two trainers winning at Britain's most southerly track, but with one eye to the north. Both hope to win tomorrow's Ayr Gold Cup.

McCourt saddled his 13th winner of the season when Golden Slade landed the seller. "I sent Ameghino up to Ayr this morning," he said "I'm not happy about the weather, but am delighted with my gelding's weight. When did you last see Ameghino with only 7st 7lb on his back?"

After Leonidas, backed from 25-1 to-8-1, had made all the running in the Jim Taylor Memorial Handicap, Arbuthnot said: "I've only sent Padre Pio half way to Scotland in case he gets eliminated."

Leonidas, loving the firm ground, on which he can so effectively use his early speed, will now have a crack at the Cambridgeshire. "He ran well in the race last year but weakened coming to the last furlong," Arbuthnot said.

Starkey just missed a double when Albany Lad went down by a head to the 5-4 favourite, Lobbit, in the St Ann's Well Stakes, but this was a just result for John Dunlop's colt. Lobbit's three seconds in the spring included the European Free Handicap. Lobbit, entered for the December sales, had not been out since Haydock in May and was one of Dunlop's last runners before the virus struck his Arundel stable.

Dunlop saddled two runners in the concluding Varndean Maiden Stakes – Gable and Tracker's Jewel. Neither had any answer to Jeremy Tree's favourite Armourer, who took over two furlongs out to win by four lengths, giving Lobbit's jockey, Brian Rouse, a quick double.

● Newbury stages its richest single day in 30 years of racing on Saturday with prize money totalling £69,000 at stake.

Ayr selections

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2.0 Hunslet. 2.30 HALLGATE (nap). 3.0 Peggy Carolyn. 3.30 Air Display. 4.0 Dasa Queen. 4.30 High Tern.

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2.0 Pharjoy. 2.30 Elnawaagi. 3.0 Ben's Birdie. 3.30 Chinchilla Boy. 4.0 Sherecka. 4.30 Revisit.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Hallgate.

2.30 HARRY ROSEBERY CHALLENGE TROPHY (2-y-o: £10,548: 5f) (10)

201	1d1111	HALLGATE (D) (Hippodromo Racing) Miss S Hall 9-3	K Hodgson 7
203	2140	CRONK'S QUALITY (D) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 8-11	P Waldron 10
204	3102210	DUBLIN LAD (D) (M Britain) M Britain 8-11	P Robinson 4
205	3112	ELNAWAAGI (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills 6
206	003110	HANDSOME SAILOR (D) (Mrs M Thompson) R Thompson 8-11	P Cook 1
208	114214	LOCHONICA (CD) (Mrs M Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-11	D Nicholls 8
209	313141	LUQMAN (D) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	J Mercer 5
210	2113322	DEBBIE DO (D) (N Robinson) C Thornton 8-8	J Bleasdale 2
211	13100	LAMMASTIDE (D) (J Allanton) J W Watts 8-8	N Connorton 3
212	04	LE MIEUX (Mrs D Hardie) A Robson 8-7	- 9

1984: Melody Park 8-8 P Robinson (2-1) M Ryan 5 ran.

2 Hallgate. 3 Dublin Lad. 4 Luqman, 5 Lochonica, 8 Elnawaagi, 10 Debbie Do, 12 others.

FORM: HALLGATE (9-4) beat Precious Metal (9-0) 2½l at Ripon; earlier HALLGATE (8-11) beat Welsh Note (8-8) 2l with CRONKS QUALITY (8-11) 4l away 4th and DUBLIN LAD (8-11) 11th (York, 5f, £8,451, good to soft, Aug 21, 12 ran). ELNAWAAGI (9-6) 1¼l 2nd to Conquering Hero (8-11) at Windsor (6f, £1,244, good, Aug 19, 17 ran). HANDSOME SAILOR (9-3) 13½l 11th to Laird O'Montrose (9-3) at Ripon; previously HANDSOME SAILOR (9-7) beat Lily Pegg (8-12) by 2½l at Newcastle (5f, £1,882, good to soft, Aug 24, 8 ran). LOCHONICA (9-0) 5l 4th to Stalker at York (6f, £35,334, good to soft, Aug 21, 6 ran). LUQMAN (9-7) beat Kombus (8-7) ¾l at Kempton (6f, £3,590, good to firm, Sep 7, 12 ran) DEBBIE DO (9-0) 1l 2nd to Swifts Palm (8-10) at Ripon (6f, £1,581, good, Aug 27, 14 ran).
Selection: HALLGATE.

3.0 BOGSIDE CUP (Handicap: £4,064: 1m 5f) (8)

301	112101	DOZARIO (CD) (Mrs M Shawcross) J Jefferson 4-8-10	A Shoults 5
303	010214	PIKE'S PEAK (Hippodromo Racing) Miss S Hall 4-8-3	K Hodgson 1
306	210412	BOLD REX (BF) (Lord Granard) J Dunlop 3-8-11 (4 ex)	J Mercer 6
309	201301	VICKSTOWN (Home & Trade Ltd) B Morgan 3-8-6	- 4
310	230131	PEGGY CAROLYN (A O'Reilly) M Ryan 3-8-1	P Robinson 2
313	000010	DICK KNIGHT (B) (Wallace Farms Ltd) A Bailey 4-7-11	- 7
314	01034	ISLAND EXILE (BF) (Mrs G Weston) J W Watts 3-7-11	J Lowe 8
317	003041	BEN'S BIRDIE (C) (Mrs A Tompkins) M Tompkins 5-7-7	N Carlisle 3

1984: Manor Farm Toots 5-8-4 B Crossley (5-1 jt-fav) M Tompkins 10 ran.

11-4 Bold Rex, 7-2 Pike's Peak, 4 Dozario, 6 Island Exile, 8 Peggy Carolyn, 10 Vickstown, 12 Dick Knight, 14 Ben's Birdie.

FORM: PIKE'S PEAK (1-12) 8l to Western Dancer in York's Tote Ebor with DOZARIO (7-10) ½l away 5th (1m 6f, £41,560, good to soft, Aug 21, 9 ran). DOZARIO (9-7) 3l winner from Hansard (9-5) at Beverley (1m 4f, £2,633, good to soft, Aug 28, 8 ran). BOLD REX (1-2) 2½l Kempton 2nd to Stately Form (9-4) (1m 3f, £2,882, good, Sept 6, 133ran). VICKSTOWN (8-3) beat Positive (9-11) 2½l at York (1m 3f, £3,142, good, Aug 22, 6 ran). PEGGY CAROLYN (8-4) beat Balmacara (8-11) 2½l at Nottingham (1m 6f, £1,991, good to firm, Sept 9, 20 ran). ISLAND EXILE (9-2) 2½l 4th to Higham Grey (8-11) over course and distance (£2,490, good to soft, Aug 7, 5 ran). BEN'S BIRDIE (8-6) beat Wang Fehoong (8-12) 2½l at Hamilton (1m 4f, £1,480, heavy, Sept 2, 10 ran).
Selection: BOLD REX.

3.30 JACK JARVIS MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £4,175: 1m) (9)

405	3031	AIR DISPLAY (S Manning) J S Wilson 9-7	C Dwyer 5
408	400130	COMMON FARM (M Britain) M Britain 9-2	P Robinson 8
409	142210	ST SEPULCHRE (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 9-2 (5 ex)	K Hodgson 4
410	0201	CHINCHILLA BOY (D) (J Hindley) J Hindley 9-6 (5 ex)	A Shoults 5
411	000300	PAULS SECRET (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 8-12	NON-RUNNER 2
414	1400	AMONGST THE STARS (Mrs M Keogh) S Norton 8-6	J Lowe 1
415	4002230	ROYAL BERKS (R Richards) C Britain 8-2	A Mackay 3
416	303200	K O ISLAND (J Tsangi) J Berry 8-1	K Darley 7
418	00001	ALLISTERDRANSFIELD (5) (D) (W Marshall) G Moors 7-9	N Carlisle 9

1984: Aristocrat Velvet 8-10 Pat Eddery (5-1 fav) J Etherington 12 ran.

9-4 Chinchilla Boy, 3 KO Island, 4 Air Display, 6 St Sepulchre, 8 Common Farm, 10 Royal Berks, 12 others.

FORM: AIR DISPLAY (8-13) beat ST SEPULCHRE (8-9) 3l with PAULS SECRET (8-11) 10th and K O ISLAND (8-8) 12th (Newcastle, 7f, £2,206, good, Aug 26, 14 ran). COMMON FARM (8-5) 9l to Dancing Zara (9-7) at York; previously COMMON FARM (8-5) beat Special Guest (7-10) 3l with ROYAL BERKS (8-0) 12½l back in 8th (Beverley, 7f, £2,654, good to soft, Aug 28, 10 ran). CHINCHILLA BOY (9-0) beat ICARO (9-0) 1½l at Edinburgh (6f, £1,112, good, Sept 16, 16 ran). ALLISTERDRANSFIELD (8-11) beat Tymiton (8-3) 1½l at Redcar (7f, £1,373, good, Aug 10, 13 ran).
Selection: AIR DISPLAY.

4.0 EBF TROON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £3,365: 7f) (12)

504	0322	DASA QUEEN (J Upson) A Jarvis 8-11	D Nicholls 8
508	-	QREY GILL (G Wallace) T Craig 8-11	A Mackay 2
510	20	KORI (D McConachy) J S Wilson 8-11	C Dwyer 4
511	034	LA SERENATA (Mrs Y Penny) C Lewis 8-11	P Waldron 12
512	02	MADISON GIRL (A Zivanaris) R Whitaker 8-11	J H Brown 5
514	40	PERSIAN DELIGHT (A Aldrad) G Huffer 8-11	G Carter 5 10
515	-	SHEREEKA (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills 7
516	-	SIOUX SWEET (G Reed) C Thornton 8-11	J Bleasdale 6
518	0	SUNLIT (G Reed) C Thornton 8-11	A Mills 9
519	-	TANYA'S PRINCESS (J Dauderman) J W Watts 8-11	N Connorton 5
520	0	THE LITTLE JOKER (A Massingberd-Mundy) W Elsey 8-11	J Lowe 1
521	0	TOP SHOT (E Moller) G Wragg 8-11	P Robinson 11

1984: Rainbow Vision 8-6 T Williams (7-2) N Tinkler 11 ran.

Evens Dasa Queen, 3 La Serenata, 5 Shereeka, 10 Top Shot, 12 Tanya's Princess, 14 others.

FORM: DASA QUEEN (8-8) ¾l 2nd to Sweet Adelaide (8-3) at York (6f, £4,201, good to soft, Sep 4, 11 ran). KORI unplaced behind Miss Easy Contest on latest run; previously DASA QUEEN (8-11) a head 2nd to Ludrey So Far (9-11) at Ayr (6f, £1,079, good to soft, Jul 19, 10 ran). LA SERENATA (8-8) 7½l 4th Chore Mhor (8-12) at Epsom (6f, £2,386, good to soft, Aug 26, 8 ran). MADISON GIRL (8-11) beaten short head by Cashew King (9-0) at Beverelsey (7f, £882, good, Aug 29, 18 ran). PERSIAN DELIGHT unplaced on run; leastest earlier (8-11) 11½l 4th to Tax-Roy (8-11) at Nottingham (6f, £1,490, good to firm, Jul 20, 11 ran). TOP SHOT (8-11) 7½l 5th to Maisonic (8-11) at Newmarket (6f, £3,253, good, Aug 10, 14 ran).
Selection: DASA QUEEN.

4.30 SAM HALL STAKES (3-y-o: £2,485: 1m 7f) (4)

601	010200	NORTHERN RULER (C Attwood) Denys Smith 9-2	M Birch 3
603	340010	BUSTER JO (E Moller) G Wragg 8-13	P Robinson 1
605	021421	HIGH TERN (Sheikh Mohmmed) J Dunlop 8-13	J Mercer 2
612	000212	REVISIT (R Green) J Winter 8-7	P Waldron 4

1984: Water Cannon 8-13 B Thomson (2-1 fav) F Lee 7 ran.

4-6 High Tern, 2 Revisit, 5 Buster Jo, 8 Northern Ruler.

FORM: NORTHERN RULER not in first 9 behind Eastern Mystic at Doncaster last time; earlier (8-4) ¾l 2nd of 7 to Polar Cub (9-7) at Newmarket (1m 7f, £4,843, good to firm, Jul 10). HIGH TERN (8-12) beat Accuracy (8-11) 1l at Thirsk (2m, £4,545, soft, Sep 7, 15 ran); previously (8-2) 3½l 2nd of 9 to Trapeze Artist (9-10) at Newmarket (1m 7f, £2,855, good, Aug 23) with BUSTER JO (8-2) 7l away in 5th. REVISIT (8-10) neck 2nd of 14 to Careo (8-13) at Folkstone (1m 7f, £547, good to soft, Aug 13) with HIGH TERN (8-10 4l back in 4th.
Selection: HIGH TERN.

Yarmouth results

2.15 (7f) 1. TROPER SERGEANT G Carter, 11-4 fav), 2, Clipsall (W Woods, 12-1); 3, Rapid Lady (R P Elliott, 11-1). Also Ran: 8 Hampton Walk, 10 Harvester Gold (6th), Queen's Royale, Rhythmacal (4th), 16 Lord Jagged, Luckfire (5th), 20 Hillsdown Lad, 25 Marlon Boy, Transonic, 33 Cedees, Cutting Edge. 14 ran. Nr: Tolly's Gest. 1½l, 1½l, 1½l nk, ½l, G. Huffer at Newmarket. TOTE: £4.20: £2.10, £2.60: £2.70. DF: £9.40. CSF: £30.00. Tricast: £270.20. No bid.

2.45 (1m) 1. ROYAL HARMONY (B Thomson, 15-8 jt-fav); 2, Kilmenjaro Bob (T Ives 20- 1); 3, Amhalil (S Cauthen, 15-8 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Bwans Kali (6th), 10 Doubtless (4th), 20 Commitment (5th), 25 Hooves, 33 Dons Bragance, Hike, Lilian Fleur. 10 ran. ¾l, 3l, 4l, ½l, 2l. B Hills at Lambourne. TOTE: £2.70: £1.10, £2.90, £1.10. DF: £22.20. CSF: £32.03.

3.15 (1m 3f 100yd) 1. THORNY ROSE (M Wigham, 3-1); 2. Dansesuse Verte (B Thomson, 6-1); 3. Pubby (W Carson, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 For A Lark (5th), 8 Croissant de Lune (4th), 14 Brave Louise (6th), 25 Gourtonnet. 7 ran. ½l, 2l, 1½l, 1½l, 8. W Musson at Newmarket. TOTE: £4.10: £1.60, £2.60. DF: £10.90. CSF: £18.66.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1. PATO (N Day, 5-1); 2. Carillon (G Carter, 7-2); 3. Midnight Tiger (J Murray, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Vantage, 5-2 Boccanoli (4th), 13-2 Killary (5th), 6 ran. NK, 10l, 3l, 1½l, 6l. Mrs J Ryanny at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.30; £2 60, £2.00. DF: £12.80. CSF: £21.07.

4.15 (7f) 1. HOPEFUL DANCER (A McGlone, 25-1); 2, Victoria falls (R cochrane, 8-1); 3, Mac's Flyer (T Ives, 6-1). Also ran: 9-4 Fav Stangrave Park (5th), 9-2 Brave and bold (4th), 8 Witham Grl, 12 Octiga. 16 King Spea (6th), 20 Anglian Home. Palacesanne, 25 Hardly Fair, Herb Robert. Saltcote Hopeful, 33 Passion Play, Raceform Rhapsody, Paul Jay, Dont Tell Vanessa. 17 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 1½l, hd, hd. R Hannon at Marlborough. TOTE: £27.80: £5.40, £2.50, £2.20. DF: £174.10. CSF: £208.36.

4.45 1. ALKAASEH (A Murry, 7-2); 2. Liam (P Robinson, 5-4); 3 Prestige (R Cochrane, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Thousand Sails (5th), 11 Sidjistan, 16 Solo Style, White Slke (4th), 33 Topeka Express (6th), Unex-Plained, Chausaugue, Farsway Prince, Joveworth, Rich Bitch. 13 ran. NR: Black Diamond, Pleasure Island. 6l, 2l, 3l, ½l, 3l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. TOTE: £4.70; £1.70, £1.40, £2.60. DF: £4.70. CSF: £12.50.

5.15 (7f) 1. BALNACRAIG (R Cochrane, 33-1); 2, Northern Gunner (B Thomson, 13-2); 3, Agnadello (B Baxter, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Mighty Mirage, 6 Mersey Man (4th), 13-2 fav Dawn Mirage, 5 Menss Man (4th), 13-2 Monstrosa, Quaramine, 8 Sauvita (5th), 12 Form Veil, 14 Beat the Posse, Jerassa, 20 Champagne Popper, Santo Boy, 50 Cavtheo Princess, The Leggett, Toros Queen (6th). 18 ran. 1½l, 2l, 3l, J Douglas-Home at Wantage. TOTE: £90.60: £12.60, £3.00, £2.60. DF: £308.40. CSF: £240.08.
Placepot: £76 95.

Brighton

Going: firm

2.0 (7f) 1. PICATRIX (G Starkey, 5-1); 2, Dansid (T Quinn, 11-8 fav); 3, Innishmore Island (R Fox, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Mr Whist's-His-Name, 12 Anzere (4th), Turtah (6th), 14 Bobby Shafto, Carnegie Hall, 16 Call-to-Account (5th), Grand Fling, 33 Araucana Gold, Aventino, Dippy, Haddon Lad, Lockwood Prince, Regency Square. 16 ran. NR: Ganoon, Planet Ash. 3l, nk, nk, 4l, 3l. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE: £6.50; £2.20, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £4.40. CSF: £12.39.

2.30 1. GOLDEN SLADE (R Wernham, 85-40 fav); 2, Spelmaster (R Guest, 5-2); 3, Tarrakan (J Reid, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Rein in Verros (5th), Blair's Winnie, 16 Corkscappoplin (6th), 20 Solstice Bell (4th), 7 ran. 3l, 3l, 2l, 3l, ¾l. DF: £7.20. CSF: £7.61. Bought in for 3,600 guineas.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1. LEONIDAS (M Hills, 8-1); 2, Sojourn (K Bradshaw, 9-1); 3, Greed (B Rouse, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Super Trip, 11-2 Amber (4th), Gallade Dust, 8 Trumps (5th), 8 Royal Halo, 20 Gamblers Dream (6th), Profit Warrant, 25 Rhythmatic Prostmes, 11 ran. 2½l, 3l, ½l, 3l, ½l. D Arbuthnot at Eastbury. TOTE: £14.00: £3.30, £2.80, £2.40. DF: £95.30. CSF: £72.68. Tricast: £607 88.

3.30 (5f) 1. MYRA'S SPECIAL (J Mercer, 7-1); 2. Kossbus (K Bradshaw, 7-4 fav); 3, Merrymeden (R Wernham, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Auto Elegance (4th), 13-2 Comals Joy (5th), 8 Maqua, By Chance, 16 Fancy Pages, Liberation Brae (6th). 9 ran. 1l, 1l, ½l, 3l, 1½l. J Sutcliffe at Epsom. TOTE: £7.30: £2.60; £1.50, £2.70. DF: £8.00. CSF: £20.22.

4.0 (6f) 1. LOBBIT (B Rouse, 5-4 fav); 2, Albany Lad (G Starkey, 9-4); 3, Bid Fantasy (M Hills, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Faraway Grey (5th), 66 Signor Ben (5th), 100 Another Bing (4th), Linton Starchy, 7 ran. Hd, 6l, 3l, 5l, 3l. J Dunlop at Arundel. TOTE: £2.20: £1.20, £1.40 DF: £1 80. CSF: £4,16.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1. ARMOURER (B Rouse, 5-4 fav), 2, Kuwait Moon (J Mercer, 9-2); 3, Gable (T Quinn, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Mighnt (4th), 100 Trackers Jewel. 5 ran. 4l, 1½l, hd, 15l, J Tree at Beckhampton. TOTE: £1.90; £1.20, £1.90. DF: £2.20. CSF: £8.24. PLACEPOT: £20.55.

● John Thorne, the Wes Country trainer and is stable jockey, Peter Dever, are parting company. The split came when Dever wanted to ride a horse for Jeremy Glover at Sedgefield last week, while Thorne required him on the same day to ride work

Blinkered first time

YARMOUTH: 2.15 Jalyasah, Le Mans; 4.15 Musical Mystery; 5.15 Krstens Fantasy.

Yarmouth selections

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2.15 Jareer. 2.45 Mionnay. 3.15 Hills Bid. 3.45 Dubian. 4.15 Split Image. 4.45 Buthayna. 5.15 Still Marching.

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Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Hills Bid.

Brighton selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Asset Stripper. 2.30 Mr Music Man. 3.0 Manchesterskytrain. 3.30 Barley Bill. 4.0 Semele. 4.30 Axe Valley.

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2.0 Arabian Moun. 2.30 Mr Music Man. 3.0 Telwash. 3.30 Barley Bill. 4.0 Semele. 4.30 Ever So.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.0 MANCHESTERSKY-TRAIN (nap).

Wincanton selections

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2.15 Tooley Street. 2.45 Parish Rigged. 3.15 Capa. 3.45 Quite Hot. 4.15 Cloudwalker. 4.45 Davidstown.

2.45 SOMERSET HANDICAP CHASE (£1,433: 3m 1f) (10)

1	134-3	PARISH RIGGED (B) T Forster 7-12-0	H Davies
2	124-0	QUERRIN (D) T Balgin 11-11-12	J Lovejoy
3	0p31	JIMMY MIFF (D) I Wardle 13-11-5 (4ex)	R Rowe
4	2/133-	OWEN GLENDOWER R Holder 8-11-3	P Richards
5	4w2p	ONE ARMED BANDIT N Thomson 9-11-1	S Morshead
6	00-41	POLAR EXPRESS W King 10-10-12 (4 ex)	C Warren 7
7	000f	NO RETREAT P Pritchard 13-10-3	P Dever
8	30-30	BUCK ROYALE (D) T Tory 12-10-3	R Dunwoody
9	2-u00	JUST A GHOST Mrs French 9-10-3	Miss S French
10	0044/	BLACK ROD N Mitchell 8-10-0	B Powell

2 Jimmy Miff, 11-4 Polar Express, 4 Parish Rigged, 5 Querrin, 7 Owen Glendower, 14 others.

3.15 SALISBURY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,128: 2m) (13)

1	4014-	INDIAN MAJOR (CD) Miss P Barnes 8-11-10 . M Bosley	
2	32-03	TROPICAL MIST (B) A Barrow 5-11-10	J Hurst
3	0/41-0	MARCH FANDANGO (D) D Gillard 8-11-7	T Gibson
4	304-0	ISOM DART T Hallett 5-11-5	Samantha Dunstar
5	01-11	CAPA (D) R Holder 5-11-8	E Murphy
6	410-f	RISING SOVEREIGN (D) P Butler 7-11-0	M Read
8	0001-	MY SNIP R Hodges 11-10-12	W Irvine
10	00-04	IN CONFIDENCE R Blakeney 7-10-10	Judy Blakeney
12	3200-	BALLYGLUNIN (B) G Gracey 5-10-9	N Fearn
13	0010-	MISTY ROCKET I Wardle 4-10-7	K Townend
14	000-0	GREATEST HITS (D) W Kemp 8-10-7	W Krzxx
15	000p-	WEE WILLIAM (D) B Hicks 8-10-7	C Evans
19	pppb-	LOST VALLEY (D) J Roberts 8-10-7	NON-RUNNER

6-4 Capa, 9-2 Indian Major, 7 In Confidence, 8 Isom Dart, 12 My Snip, 14 Tropical Mist, Ballyglunin, 16 others.

3.45 SHAFTESBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,485: 2m 5f) (8)

4	3pf1/	CILERNA JET (CD) P Tory 6-11-10	Mr E Whettam
7	13-41	QUITE HOT (B) (CD) N Aylliffe 6-11-1 (7 ex)	M Aylliffe
8	24f-3	SWIFT ROYALE (BF) O Sherwood 7-11-0	S Sherwood
9	3-022	BRITANNICUS N Thomson 9-10-13	D Morris 7
10	31-03	JOAT R Hanlon 9-10-12	R Crank
12	3-340	THE WURZEL R Holder 10-10-7	P Murphy
14	03p0	BRANDYLAND Mrs J French 12-10-0	Miss S French
15	30-0f	FABIAN SONG (D) T Hallett 14-10-0	Samantha Dunstar 7

9-4 Quite Hot, 11-4 Britannicus, 4 Cilerna Jet, Swift Royale, 7 The Wurzel, 14 others.

4.15 SHEPTON MALLET NOVICE CHASE (£1,172: 2m) (8)

1	4021	ABOUSHABUN (B) (D) J Jenkins 5-11-4	S Smith Eccles
2	0010	LUCKY MISTAKE (B) (D) R Hodges 8-11-2	Peter Hobbs
3	0000-	CLOUDWALKER F Walwyn 7-10-11	S Shilston
4	0-p00	CUSHY FILE C Popham 8-10-11	R Dunwoody
7	02/1-p	RIVA BE GOOD O O'Neill 8-10-11	A Webb
8	000-0	THE DIPLOMAT W Kemp 7-10-11	R Rowe
10	0-20f	WESTER ROSS W R Williams 8-10-11	A Jones 4
12	003f	BELLIVER PRINCE S May 5-10-8	R Millman

6-4 Aboushabun, 6-2 Cloudwalker, 5 Lucky Mistake, 6 The Diplomat, 8 Riva Be Good, 16 Belliver Prince, 20 others.

4.45 STOWELL NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £504: 2m 6f) (7)

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BIRTHS

BISHOP. On September 11th to Susan (nee Elliott) and Jonathan – a son Alastair Timothy, brother for Patrick and Ben.

BRYER – On 16th September, 1985 at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Margaret (nee Bowyer) and David, a son, Nicholas Eric John, brother for Helen.

CHATER. On September 16th, 1985, in Paris to Sabine (nee Dumont de Montroy) and Nicolas – a daughter.

COOPES – On September 14, 1985, to Flavia (nee Forbes) and Anthony, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth.

DRAKE – On September 18th, to Catherine (nee Berg) and Oliver, a daughter (Lucy Margaret).

ELSTON. – On September 7 to Frank and Kittie – a daughter (Emma Frances Catherine).

FOX on 17th September to James and Mary a son Jack Louis, a brother for Thomas, Robin, Laurence and Lydia.

FURST – On Sept 13th, to Bridget and Stephen – a son, Laurence Patrick, a little brother for Jessica.

GEELAN. – On Sept 16th at St Thomas's Hospital, London to Kirsten and Jeremy – a son, Torsten Karl, a brother for Christian.

GROVE-WHITE. – On September 17th to Jane and Peter, a son.

HAAK – On Saturday, September 14th, to Annabel and Jonathan – a beautiful daughter (Naomi Tara), a sister for Anoushka and Jochum.

MARTIN EAU. – On September 18th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Jane (nee Hammond) and John – a son, Robert William.

McADDLE – On September 16th at Pembury Hospital to Hilary (nee Wildish) and Gerry, a daughter, Victoria.

MIRTON To Robert and Therese (nee Sheehan) On September 12th, 1985 – a beautiful daughter (Katherine Elizabeth) at Humana Wellington Hospital.

PURDON. On September 17th at BMH Munster, to Angela (nee Topham) and Tim – a son James Corrin Richard Brooke.

RABONE on September 17th to Alex and Bob a daughter Rosalind Mary.

SEWELL – On September 16th, at the Royal Hospital, London, to Fiona (nee Terrington) and Tim – a son, (Gavin William).

SOULE. – On 8th August, 1985, at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Lesley and Donald – a son, Maxwell Donald Ernest, a brother for Natalie.

STORR. On September 14th to Charlotte and John – a son Michael Anthony, a brother for Lucy, David and Nicholas.

TYRRELL – On Friday 13 September to Patrick and Glynis at Trelske, Truro, a daughter Jessica Shelagh.

BIRTHDAYS

NEVILLE JOHN BLEWITT, 21 yesterday. Happy Birthday. Love from Mummy and Daddy, Claire and Helen.

MARRIAGES

BLUMSOM : GODFREY – *On* September 7th, 1985, at St John The Baptist Church, Aldenham, Christopher Giles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Blumsom of Berkhamstead, to Jacqueline Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Godfrey of Aldenham.

HUGHES–WETHERALL – On September 14th at The Church of St John, Hale, Richard, son of Mr & Mrs David Hughes of Upwey to Emma, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel & Mrs C. J. Wetherall of Farnham.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MACKENZIE: Goode – On September 19, 1935 at St Mary's, Chatham, Kenneth to Mary, Woodnorton, Mayfield, Sussex.

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DIAMOND WEDDING

WILSON – ILES On 19th September 1925 at St John's, Old Coulsdon, Peter Wilson to Doris Bea. Now at 8, Highview Court, Wray Common Road, Reigate.

DEATHS

BAZHAM. On September 16th, 1985, at home, Ivan Robert Henry Barham, devoted son of Hubert and Nina Marjery. Funeral service at St Marygreis Church, Chipstead on Monday, September 23rd at 2pm. All enquiries to Sturgeon Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill (07573) 63456.

BOORNE. On September 15th 1985 at Goring, Morris of Shillingford, Oxon, aged almost 90 years, funeral at 10.30am today at St Laurence Church, Warborough, Oxon.

CARNE BERNARD. – Formerly of Regency Lodge, Hampstead. On September 16, in his 89th year, peacefully in his sleep.

CLEGG Robert William, peacefully at home on September 15th 1985 after a short illness. Beloved husband of Sheila (nee Bartlett) and dear father of Brendan, Elisa, Fergus and Aidan.

DALY, BRIAN BOWMAN, aged 78, suddenly in Hampstead on September 13th, dearest and kindest husband of Jill, wise, tolerant and much loved father of Adam and Carl (Gilbey-McKenzie). Funeral service at St Mary's, Bourne Street, SW1, at 12 noon on Tuesday, September 24th, followed by burial at Hampstead Cemetery. Cut flowers only please to Leverton & Sons Ltd, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3, by 10am September 24th.

DODDS – On 16th September, 1985, peacefully at Kestrel Grove nursing home, Bushey Heath, The Honourable Ipsil Dodds in her 85th year. Beloved widow of Leslie, youngest daughter of Lord Sinha of Raipur, mother of Birbe and Anjali. Funeral service at Breakspear crematorium, Ruislip, on Monday 23rd September, at 11.30am (east 2)4pm). Flowers and enquiries to T A Ellement & Son Ltd, 21, Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex. Tel: 01-866 6334.

FISHER. – On September 14, Lt.-Col. Clitude Percy Fisher, MRCVS, RAVC, former director Sudan Veterinary Service of Jesses Cottage, Poulton, Glos, aged 92, husband of Joan, father of Sheelah Fisher de Avendano and grandfather of Luis Miguel and Silvia. Funeral at Poulton Parish Church, Friday 20, at 11.30am. Letters to Chesterton House, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

HILL peacefully at his home Riverside, Eardisland, Herefordshire, John very dearly loved husband of Audrey. Funeral service on Monday 23rd September, 2pm at Hereford Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for St Michaels Hospice. Enquiries to R W Mann & Son, Funeral Directors, West Street, Leominster, Herefordshire. Tel Leominster 2368.

LEEKS - Roger Arthur of Amersham, on 17th September 1985, at Mount Vernon hospital. Dearly loved husband of Micki, father of Clinton and Howard. Service at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Monday 23rd September at 12.30. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations may be made to Mount Vernon Hospital.

MacLAREN on September 17th, Murray William MacLaren aged 68 much loved brother of Joyce and John and uncle of Caroline and Andrew. Funeral service at Little Baddow Church on Tuesday October 1st at 2.15pm. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Enquiries to T Pennack & Son, Chelmsford 71187.

MARX – on 13th September. Very suddenly aged 88. Herbert, H.V. of 19 Castleacre, Hyde Park Crescent, London W2, dear husband of Madeline. Cremation private.

ROSS. – On September 18, peacefully in hospital. Max Nordau of Kendon close Warnstead, E11. Dearly beloved husband of Anna, much loved father of Marilyn, Robert and Loretta, loved by his grandchildren Amanda, Louise, Charlotte and Katherine and by his sons-in-law Richard and Lars, and his daughter-in-law Victoria.

PELHAM BURN. On September 16th at home in his 97th year, Major Ian Maitland Pelham Burn, Royal Artillery (rtd), beloved husband of Pamela and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at St Saviour's Church, Colgate, Sussex, 12 noon, Monday September 23rd.

REDMAN – On September 17th peacefully at her home, Hatston, Station Lane, Farnefield, Honor Brown Redman, aged 75 years. Beloved wife of Alan, devoted mother of Peter and Clare, daughter of the late Captain John Chamberlain and Lady Gurney-Dixon of the New Forest. Funeral Monday September 23rd, 2 pm, St Michael's Church, Farnsfield, Nottinghamshire followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to: The Treasurer, *Scanner Appeal, City Hospital, Nottingham.* Friends welcome after the church service at Halston.

ROWLANDS GRAHAM. – On September 12, tragically in Cheltenham at the age of 39 years, the dearly cherished husband of Gillian, beloved father to Adam, Emma, Thomas and Darren, and much loved grandson of Agnes and brother of John. Funeral service at Medway Crematorium, Robin Hood Lane, Blue Bell Hill, Chatham, at 10.30am, on Thursday, September 26. No flowers by request please, but donations kindly to the National Childrens Home.

SHEKLETON. On September 12th, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Beatrice, widow of Ross Frank Sheldeton and much loved mother of William, Jill and Jack. All enquiries to W R R Pugh & Son, Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury.

TONQUERAY. – On September 18th, May Tanqueray of Streatley. Beloved wife of the Late Reverend David and loving mother of Andrew. Service and cremation to be Elizabeth, William and Helen. Funeral on Friday September 20th at streatley Parish Church, 11am. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to The Dr. Dische Research Fund, Mount Vernon Hospital. Further Enquiries to: Neville Funeral Service, Luton 574902.

WHITE – On September 14th, suddenly, Margaret Clare (Jane), aged 71, widow of Errol, mother of Adam and mother-in-law of Yvonne. Funeral service at Streatley Parish Church, Berkshire, Monday, September 23rd, at 12.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired, to the Friends of the Wallingford Community Hospital, Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

WILSON Joyce, Fomerly of Bryanston School and Blandford. On 16th September, 1985 peacefully at home at Colehill, Wimborne. Cremation at Salisbury 3.30pm Wednesday 25th September. Deculis Blandford (02568) 52131 or 53298.

IN MEMORIAM

GREEN – A service of thanksgiving for the life of Aileen Pamela Green, wife of Sir Peter Green, will be held at St. Lawry-next-Guildhall in the City of London on Thursday 3rd October at 12 noon.

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JENSEN MARY E. Remembered always but especially today. Love John, Jonathan and James.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

HEFFERNAN MICHAEL FRANCIS. Funeral service to take place on Saturday, Sept 21, at 2pm, at St Joseph's Church, Foulkshown, nr Kilkenny, Ireland. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the evening of Tuesday, Oct 1, at 6.45, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, (Berkeley Square), London, W1.

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BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood. *Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55* and 8.25; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; the morning newspapers reviewed at 7.37 and 8.37. Plus, Zoe Brown's teenage report; a recipe from Glynn Christian; Richard Smith's 'phone-in surgery; and reports from the Liberal Assembly in Dundee.
9.20 **Liberal Assembly 1985.** The debates on Coal and South Africa.
10.30 approximately **Play School** (r).
10.50 approximately **Liberal Assembly 1985.** Further coverage of the proceedings in Dundee.
12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Michael Cole, followed by news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Michael Fish.
1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** The guests include Leslie Kenton who has advice on positive health, and the Rev Roger Royle who tackles viewers' personal problems. 1.45 Chock-a-Block (r).
2.00 **Liberal Assembly 1985.** The Report of the Economic Commission and the debate on the licensing laws. 3.52 Regional News.
3.55 **Up Our Street.** The story of the Birthday Burglar, by Margaret Mahy. 4.10 **SuperTed** (r). 4.15 **Beat the Teacher.** Paul Jones presents another round of the teacher versus pupil contest. 4.30 **Cheggers Plays Pop.** With guests Bernadette Nolan, Captain Sensible and music *from Blancmange and Jackie* Graham.
4.55 **John Craven's Newsround.** 5.05 **Blue Peter.** Simon Groom and Janet Ellis explore mysterious Ayers Rock (Ceefax).
5.35 **Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.**
6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. **Weather.**
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Top of the Pops** presented by Simon Bates and Peter Powell.
7.30 **EastEnders.** Pauline and Michelle have a heart to heart while Sharon tells Mary about *her problems at home* (Ceefax).
8.00 **Tomorrow's World.** A new series begins with Peter Macann, a survivor of the Virgin Atlantic sinking, taking to the water again, this time on a fun sailing boat; there is a look at a new way of checking for deafness; and a possible answer to car-sickness.
8.30 **The Lenny Henry Show.** Comedy show with special guests, ABC.
9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. **Weather.**
9.25 **Just Good Friends.** Vince tries to build on the surprise meeting with his erstwhile fiancee, Penny, but he cannot find the pub she frequents (Ceefax) (r).
9.55 **Rough Justice.** Martin Young takes up the cudgels on behalf of Anthony Steel, convicted in 1979 of the sexual murder of a young woman. Steel was arrested because his mother-in-law informed the police of her suspicions and his conviction was secured by a mistake about the main evidence in the prosecution case – a key-ring trinket found *in his possession.* (see Choice)
10.35 **The Royal Television Society Debate.** The motion is: That this House believes that the BBC should accept advertising. Paul Johnson and Tim Bell propose the motion; John Mortimer and Melvyn Bragg oppose. The chairman is Ludovic Kennedy.
12.05 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20 and 9.17; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Elaine Lipworth's reunions at 8.17; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.34; Claire Rayner at 9.04; Egon Ronay at 9.12. The guests include Petula Clark.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines.**
9.30 **For Schools: Fire service** recruits in training. 9.42 Learning to read with Bill Oddie. 9.54 Healthy living. 10.11 A boy with a plant that has a mind of its own. 10.28 Important functions of the body explored. 10.45 Technical drawing by an industrial designer. 11.03 An introduction to wind instruments. 11.20 Coping with deafness. 11.37 Social history. A man returns home from the Boer War to find a job at a factory.
12.00 **The Giddy Game Show.** A new series of cartoons and puzzles presented by Bernard Breslaw, Bill Fraser and Redvers Pyle. 12.10 **Moonset and Co** with guest, Wilf Lunn (r). 12.30 **The Sullivans.**
1.00 **News at One** with Alastair Stewart. 1.20 **Thames news.** 1.30 **Falcon Crest.** Drama serial, starring Jane Wyman. 2.25 **Home Cooking Club.** Choux Pastry Savoury.
2.30 **Daytime.** Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a matter of topical importance. 3.00 **Take the High Road.** 3.25 **Thames news headlines.** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 **The Giddy Game Show.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 **Cartoon Time. Hawaiian Aye Aye** (r). 4.20 **Spoolly Doo,** Cartoon adventures of a dog detective. 4.45 **Children of the Dog Star.** Children's drama (Oracle).
5.15 **Thames Sport** presented by Brian Moore. Reports on last night's European Football competition matches; the British heavyweight championship; and ice dancer Nicky Slater's new routine.
5.45 **News** with John Sachet. 6.00 **Thames news.**
6.25 **Help! Viv Taylor Gee** with news of a Health Clinic for the housebound, a scheme started last year in the Hampstead health district.
6.35 **Crossroads.** Pat takes up private investigating.
7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** It's auction day at the Woolpack.
7.30 **Give Us a Clue. Celebrity** mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. The resident team captains, Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair, are joined by Joyce Blair, Fiona Hendley, Paul Jones, Maureen O'Farrell, Jon Pertwee and Leslie Thomas.
8.00 **Up the Elephant and Round the Castle.** Comedy series
8.30 **Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer: Death in the Family.** Detective Mike finds himself in the middle of a Mafia gang war when investigating the murder of a mobster.
9.30 **TV Eye: Rainbow Warrior.** Did the French government order the sinking of the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior?
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall.
10.30 **Film: Murphy's War** (1970) starring Peter O'Toole as the sole survivor of a U-boat attack on a merchantman. He manages to swim from the carnage and reach the waters of the Orinoco where, after he has regained his strength, he carries on his own, unorthodox, battle with the Germans. With Sian Phillips. *Directed by Peter Yates.*
12.25 **Night Thoughts.**



Ian McKellen as Walter: Channel 4, 9.30pm

● Nobody has a good word to say for the Northern Ireland supergrass system in tonight's extra-long **OPEN SPACE** (BBC 2, 7.55). Even the lapsed informer who commits himself to film says he was coached *by the RUC into giving evidence that* has nothing to do with the charges brought against men and women, some of whom spend years on remand, waiting to be brought to trial. "The authorities", he says, "just wanted them off the streets." The question of guilt or innocence is, however, not the principal concern of tonight's very detailed examination of the supergrass system. It is the morality of using informers that comes under scrutiny ("they're just paid perjurers"), the lawfulness of the framework in which the supergrass system operates, with its mass trials, one judge, no jury and no corroboration of informers' evidence ("the system is alienated from the normal institutions of the law"), and – the most abhored feature of them all – the long periods of remand ("a process of internment").

● Like tonight's *Open Door,* Martin Young's investigative **THE CASE OF THE FALSE FISH** (BBC 1, 9.55pm) is not content to let British justice, as administered, go unchallenged. Some of Mr Young's previous efforts on behalf of men convicted of crimes have procured their release. No need to labour the point, then, that TV programmes don't come more aptly titled than *Rough Justice.* Tonight, new evidence, and new witnesses, are produced that point to the probability that a man serving a life sentence for murdering a young woman, is innocent. The ace in the pack, which Mr Young flourishes with an absence of glee that is entirely characteristic of this extraordinary series, is a fish-shaped key ring *that, in court, helped to seal the* accused's fate. If tonight's film is right, then the golden fish – as evidence of a man's guilt – is not worth the cheap metal it is made of.

● Radio choice: Because it lays superstition on with a trowel, Graham Holliday's **THE SCOTTISH PLAY** *(Radio 4, 3.00pm) might put* paid to any amateur company's plans to stage *Macbeth.* At the very least, this improbable but entertaining play will alert all such companies of the need to put restraints on producers who have more ambition than sense.

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University:** Geometry: Klein. 6.55 Standing Waves and Energy Levels. Ends at 7.20.
9.00 **Ceefax.**
5.25 **News Summary** with subtitles. Weather.
5.30 **World Chess Championship.** Jeremy James presents this week's coverage of the games in Moscow between Kasparov and Karpov. *The commentator* is Bill Hartston.
6.00 **Star Trek.** Captain Kirk and his crew discover a Garden of Eden where the inhabitants lead a perfect life, or so they think, under the eye of their dictator, Vaal. Can Kirk deliver them from enslavement? (r).
6.50 **The Adventure Game.** Sandra Dickinson, Chris Serle and Adam Tandy challenge the ruler of Arg to a test of wits (r).
7.30 **The Taste of Health** presented by Judith Hann. Michael Quinn, formerly head chef at the Ritz, prepares a delicate *spinach mousse.* Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz, a Latin American food expert, enthuses about the use of fruit in South American recipes; and Lynn Hall, principal of La Petite Cuisine, cooks chicken breast in ginger and garlic followed by fresh fruit on a wine jelly.
7.55 **Open Space: On the Word of a Supergrass.** A new Open Space series begins with the controversial topic of "supergrass" trials in Northern Ireland. The programme examines the *effects of the supergrass* system on the families of the two communities involved and sketches of courtroom scenes have been drawn by Falkland's war artist, Linda Kitson. For some, supergrasses are converted terrorists, for others, paid perjurers. The *reporter is Nuala O'Faolain.* (see Choice)
9.00 **The New Statesman.** Comedy series starring Windsor Davies and Anna Dawson. George, now that the realisation that he is a member of the aristocracy has sunk in, is concerned that he has no idea about how to conduct himself. He visits his son who is studying at Oxford who puts him in touch with Charlie, a viscount, who lives in the grand manner.
9.30 **Alec Clifton-Taylor's English Towns.** Mr Clifton-Taylor waxes lyrical about the Wiltshire town of *Devizes* (r).
10.00 **Nana Mouskouri in Athens.** The first of two programmes featuring the Greek singing star in concert at the ancient Herodes Atticus Theatre in the foothills of the Acropolis, before a capacity audience of 5,000 (part two tomorrow night).
10.55 **Newsnight.** The latest national and international news including extended coverage of the main news story of the day and reports from the Liberal Assembly in Dundee.
11.45 **Weather.**
11.50 *Open University: Materials:* An Eye for an Eye. Ends at 12.20.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 **Conference '85** Gus Macdonald and Peter Kellner comment on the morning's *debates which include the coal* industry and South Africa.
12.30 **Close.**
2.00 **Conference '85.** This afternoon's debates include those on the economy and the status of women.
5.00 **Film: The Desert Song** (1953) *starring Kathryn Grayson and* Gordon MacRea. The fourth film version of the successful 1926 stage musical set in the Sahara where a treacherous sheik is luring the French Foreign Legion to their doom. MacRea is the good archaeologist and Grayson the garrison commander's daughter. Directed by Bruce Humberstone.
7.00 **Channel Four News**
7.50 **Comment.** With his views on a matter of topical importance is teacher and socialist, Clifford Sapper. **Weather.**
8.00 **The Bandung File: Too Many Questions.** Britain's immigration control is under the microscope tonight with the first-ever look at Britain's immigration procedures from the inside, filming immigration officers at work, listening to the questions they ask and following those who act suspiciously and are taken to another room for further questioning. Filmed at Heathrow and Dover, immigration officers explain the criteria they use in sorting people into the acceptable and unacceptable categories. Too Many Questions raises questions about how fair are Britain's immigration procedures.
8.30 **Henry Cooper's Golden Belt.** The second quarterfinal of the Inter-City Boys' Clubs Boxing Challenge comes from Oppenshaw Lads' Club, Manchester, where the Cardiff team meet former champions, Manchester. Henry Cooper's guest is local hero, Bobby Charlton.
9.30 **Film on Four – Take 2: Walter** (1982) starring Ian McKellen. A powerful, moving drama about Walter, a backward or mentally handicapped young man who has been looked after by his mother who has painstakingly taught him to read and write. This little learning lands him a mundane job where he is happy even though he is the butt of his colleagues' jokes. When his parents are alive, Walter can cope, but once they die and he becomes the responsibility of the state, he faces a future spent in mental hospitals. Directed by Stephen Frears. (Oracle) (r)
10.50 **The Optimist.** Almost silent comedy series starring Enn Reitel as the eternal optimist, this week in full Wild West gear ready for an cowboy weekend. (r).
11.25 **Dream Stuffing.** Comedy series about two flatmates, one a pragmatic lass, the other a dreamer (r).
11.55 **Close.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.
5.55 **Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.**
6.30 **Today,** including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for Day.
8.43 **The Doll.** Story, written and read by Edna O'Brien 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 **News.**
9.05 **The Living World.** Wildlife on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. With Peter France. (r)
9.35 **Your Move or Mine?** Bill Breckon troubleshoots on behalf of house-buyers and building society borrowers. With financial expert Tom Tickell and reporter Susan Marling (r).
10.00 **News; The Family.** How families influence their members, and turn them into the people they eventually become (2) 'Two's Company' (r).
10.30 **Morning Story: A Bequest to the Nation** written by Shirley Bork. Reader: Des McAleer.
10.45 **An Act of Worship.†**
11.00 **News; Travel;** Around the coast of Cornwall. Tom Salmon continues his exploration (r).†
11.48 **The Labours of Hercules.** With Vincent Kane. The Cretan Bull.
12.00 **News; You and Yours.** Consumer affairs, with Pattie Coldwell.
12.27 **My Music.** Steve Race chairs the panel game with John Amis and Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden (r).† 12.55 Weather.
1.00 **The World at One: News.**
1.40 **The Archers.** 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 **News; Woman's Hour.** Includes an interview with Gloria Vanderbilt – millionairess, artist, designer and actress.
3.00 **The Afternoon Play: The Scottish Play,** by Graham Holliday. With Geoffrey Collins, Carole Nimmons, Edward de Souza, Mary Wimbush, David Sinclair and Graham Chinn. The story of a man's obsessional desire to produce Macbeth with the local amateur dramatic society.†
4.00 **News; Enquire Within.** Neil Landor with listeners' questions.†
4.10 **A Good Read.** With Jane Glover, Anthony Curtis and Brian Grear.
4.40 **Story Time: 'Just Williams' – the** autobiography of Kenneth Williams (4). Read by the author.
5.00 **PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.**
6.00 **News; Financial Report.**
6.30 **Round Britain Quiz** (r).†
7.00 **News.**
7.05 **The Archers.**
7.20 **Any Answers?** John Timpson with listeners' responses to last week's 'Any Questions?'
7.40 **International Assignment.** Reports from BBC *correspondents around the* world.
8.10 **Actuality: 'I Love and Forgive You: Inmates of Grendon** Psychiatric Prison relive painful moments under the guidance of a therapist.
8.50 **Franglais.** Soap opera en franglais written by Miles Kington.†
9.00 **Does he take sugar?** Magazine for disabled listeners.
9.30 **Archive Auction.** Bob Sinfield in the BBC Sound Archives.
9.45 **Kaleidoscope.** Includes comment on St Joan at the Theatre Royal, York; and the film Dody Double.
10.15 **A Book at Bedtime: 'For Whom the Bell Tolls'** by Earnest Hemingway (4). Reader: William Roberts. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 **The World Tonight.**
11.15 **The Financial World Tonight.**
11.30 **Mad Dogs and Englishmen.** Desmond Lynam on some unusual British sports (r).
12.00 **News; Weather.**

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.30-12.00 Open University: 11.30 Culture and Change. 11.50 Music Interlude.

Radio 3

6.55 **Weather. 7.00 News.**
7.05 **Morning Concert: Berlioz's** overture Le carnaval romain (Berlin PO); Scriabin's Sonata No 4, Op 30 (Gavrilov, piano): Clementi's Symphony No 1 (Philharmonia): Ravel's Introduction and Allegro (Ellis, harp; Nash Ensemble).† 8.00 News.
8.05 **Morning Concert** (cont'd): Vivaldi's Bassoon Concerto, RV 498 (Gatt/Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields); Ibert's Escales (French National RO); Honegger's Concerto da Camera for flute, cor anglais, and strings (Shostak and Vogel); Frank Martin's overture The Tempest (Berlin PO).† 9.00 News.
9.05 *This Week's Composer:* Liszt. Mephisto Waltz No 2 (Leipzig Gewandhaus). Mephisto Waltz No 3 (Katsaris, piano); Three Petrarch Sonnets (Pray, baritone); Tchaikovsky arrangement of Concerto in the Hungarian style (Cyprien Katsaris, piano/Philadelphia).†
10.00 **Sibelius: Symphony No 1** (Gothenburg SO).†
10.40 **Weber: Flute Sonata in E flat, Op** 10 No 4; Trio in G minor, J 259 (Preston, flute/Jennifer Ward Clarke, cello) Richard Burnett, fortepiano.†
11.15 **Bournemouth SO** (under Wangenheim). With Ralph Holmes (violin), Raphael Wallfisch (cello). Part 1. Mozart's Symphony No 31; Brahm's Concerto for violin and cello, Op 102.†
12.10 **Six Continents:** foreign radio broadcasts. With Angus McDermid (r).
12.30 **Concert:** part two. Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4.† 1.00 News.
1.05 **Beethoven and James Walker:** *Walker (piano) plays Beethoven's* Sonata in F sharp, Op 78; Walker's Ten Preludes, 1983.†
1.45 **I Puritani: Bellini's** three-act opera. Sung in Italian, chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, under Serafin. With soloists Callas, Fort, Rossi-Lemeni, Di Stefano, Mercuriali, Panerai and Cattelani. Interval reading at 2.55. Act two at 3.00.†
4.20 **Rubbra and Howells:** Sarah Francis (oboe), Peter Dickinson (piano). Rubbra's Sonata in C; Howells's Sonata. 4.55 News.
5.00 **Mainly for Pleasure:** Andrew Keener with a selection of recorded music.†
6.30 **Bandstand:** Band of The Welsh Guards. Gordon Jacob's Two movements from Music for a Festival; March and Scherzo; Ballad for Band; and B Walton O'Donnell's Theme and Variations, Op 26.†
7.00 **Clementi and Mozart:** Christopher Kite (fortepiano) plays Clementi's Sonatina in G, Op 36, No 5; Mozart's Sonata in F, K332.†
7.30 **City of Birmingham SO** (under Rattle), with Katia and Marielle Labeque (pianos), and Silvia Gualda and Jean-Pierre Drouet (percussion). Part 1. Mozart's overture Marriage of Figaro; Bartok's Concerto for two pianos and percussion.†
8.05 **My Dear Muscovite:** Robert Stephens and Stephen Moore in a selection from the Flaubert-Turgenev correspondence.
8.25 **Concert:** part two. Elgar's Symphony No 2.†
9.30 **The Country of Rumour:** James Sutherland-Smith reads some of his own poems about Libya and Saudi Arabia. With Brian Carroll and Christopher Douglas.
10.00 **Music in Our Time:** Steve Reich and Musicians play Music for *Eighteen Musicians.†*
11.00 **Haydn Quartets:** Lindsay Quartet play those in G minor, Op 20 No 3; and in B flat major, Op 64 No3.†
11.57 **News.** Until 12.00.

VHF only: Open University. From 6.35 am to 6.55. Instrumentation.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.00, 4.00am ColinBerry.† 6.00 Martin Kelner.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young (food information from Tony De Angeli). 1.05pm Sports Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford(incl 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton(incl 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn(incl 6.02 Sports Desk 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 Country Club (Jerry Lee Lewis. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Cut Off At The Fringe. Comedy from the 1985 Edinburgh Festival Fringe. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. Tom Hutchinson on the new film releases. 11.00 Brian Matthew (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove.† 3.00-4.00 Nordring Rendezvous.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30am and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Paul Jordan, incl 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes, incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long and, at 8.00 John Walters. 10.00-12.00 Into The Music includes a session from Eden. VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 4.00am As Radio 2. 10.00pm As Radio. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Nature Notebook. 6.40 Farming World. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sound of the Seventies. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Country Style. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News. 10.01 Music from the Movies. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.30 Not So Long Ago. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Kitsch on the Keys. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 The Best of Folk. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure Years. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Not So Long Ago. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Business Matters. 9.00 In the Meantime. 9.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Letter From England. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Only by Women. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. 1.45 Book Choice. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The Poison Belt. 2.30 America at the Proms. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC1 Wales

Wales: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 The Flintstones. 12.05am-12.10 News and weather. **Scotland:** 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 8.00-8.30 Marathon Men. 12.05am-12.35 Snooker: The Langs Supreme Scottish Masters. 12.25-12.40 News and weather. **Northern Ireland:** 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. 12.05am-12.10 News and weather. **England:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

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Starts 9.30am Liberal Conference. 12.30pm Interval. 1.00 Great Plant Collections. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Liberal Conference. 4.30 Fanny Waterman's Piano Progress. 5.00 Sion Hafard Golotwr. 5.30 Bewitched. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 I Dream of Jeannie. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Gwraidd y Galnc. 8.05 Awyr Iach. 8.35 Dinas. 9.05 Hill Street Blues. 10.00 No Man's Land. 11.40 Sanne. 12.15am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 1.20pm North. 1.30 Loveboat. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 7.00-7.30 Richard Clayderman. 10.30 Party with the Rovers. 11.00 Drama. 12.00 News, Closedown.

TVS

As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Home Cookery Club. 1.35-2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.30-4.00 Cross Wits. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 10.30 Regrets? 11.00 Kojak. 12.00 Teachers Only. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 New Avengers. 3.00 Nothing but the best. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00-9.30 *Up the Elephant.* 10.30 Richard Clayderman. 11.00 The Master. 12.00 News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Carson's Law. 5.15-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All. 8.30-9.30 Kojak. 10.35 Film: Human Factor (George Kennedy). 12.20am Postscript. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Man in a Suitcase. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00-9.30 Up the Elephant. 10.32 Film: Captain of the Cloud's (James Gagney). 12.30am About Boats, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Carsons Law. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies". 6.00 Channel Report. 6.15 Video Club. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Home Cookery. 8.30-9.30 Kojak. 10.35 Film: *Human Factor.* 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 News. 8.30-9.30 Magnum. 10.30 Weekend Outlook. 10.35 West This Week. 11.05 The *Master. 12.05am Street of the English* Lady. 12.35 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.30am-10.00 Schools. 10.11-10.26 Looking Forward. 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.05 Live at City Hall.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35 Irish RM. 3.00 Cartoon Alphabet. 3.30-4.00 Survival. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 7.00-7.30 Take The High Road. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00-9.30 Up The Elephant. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Magnum. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Sessidn. 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30 Champions. 3.30-4.00 Survival Of The Fittest. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25 Police Six. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00-9.30 Up The *Elephant.* 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Yellow Rose. 11.55 News.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calendar. 1.30-2.30 Carson's Law. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00-9.30 Up the Elephant. 10.30 V. 11.30 Big Game. 12.05am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 7.00-7.30 Anything Goes. 10.30 Look What We've Found. 11.00 Yellow Rose. 12.00 Harvest Jazz. 12.35am Thursday Topic. Closed5wn.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Man In A Suitcase. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00-9.30 Up The Elephant. 10.35 Everyone a Winner. 11.05 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace". 12.10am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00-9.30 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 10.30 Barney Miller. 11.00 Members Only. 11.30 T J Hooker. 12.25am Closedown.

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Mont Blanc exacts its toll: 31 deaths in two months

From Diana Geddes
Chamonix

Two more British climbers were killed on the Mont Blanc massif last week, bringing the total number of British deaths on the French side of Europe's highest mountain range to nine so far this year, and 30 over the past five years.

The death toll for climbers of all nationalities over the past five years is a staggering 245, while more than 1,000 have been badly injured. In July and August alone 31 lives were lost.

Those figures are unlikely to feature prominently in next year's bicentenary celebrations of the first ascent of Mont Blanc in 1786 by Jacques Balmat and Michel-Gabriel Paccard. (The first ascent by a woman, a young waitress in Chamonix, came 22 years later in 1808). Yet perhaps they should be given greater publicity in order to alert people to the largely avoidable dangers of high mountain climbing.

The Gendamerie Mountain Rescue Service at Chamonix, whose team of 40 gendarmes are responsible for carrying out all the rescue operations on the French side of the Mount Blanc massif, estimates that 80 per cent of all accidents, fatal or otherwise, are due to technical faults committed by the climbers themselves rather than to unforseen conditions on the mountains, such as a fall of rocks.

Three-quarters of accidents occur on the downward climb, when climbers are tired and liabe to make foolish mistakes, such as missing a footing or slipping on the snow or ice – by far the most common cause of fatal accidents, according to Capitaine Benoit Host, head of the Chamonix rescue team. Failure to take sufficient account of weather conditions is another common cause of accidents.

Contrary to popular myth of the totally inexperienced tourist striking out across a glacier in his tennis shoes and a pair of shorts, most people who come to Mont Blanc to climb are young, fit, relatively well-equipped, and experienced, Capitaine Host says. Climbers in the former category are "very, very rare", he adds.

He offers five essential tips for climbers:

● Always get a detailed weather forecast immediately before setting out. Five people died needlessly of cold and exhaustion in three consecutive days of storms last month, when a simple telephone call would have been sufficient to warn them not to set out.

● Ensure that you are sufficiently well-equipped. Capitaine Host suggest that the minimum basic equipment every climber should carry in his knapsack is: one complete change of clothing; wet-weather gear; warm clothes and a survival blanket in case someone is injured and has to be left; sunglasses – eyes tire easily in the high-altitude sunshine, sometimes temporarily blinding climbers; an extra meal in addition to what you thing you will need; and a distress flare.

● Choose a route that is suited to your level of capability, physical fitness, and experience. All routes are now graded according to eight levels of difficulty. If you want to attempt a more difficult route than you have tried before, take a professional guide with you. Do not come straight out of your office in London or Paris and expect to go straight up Mont Blanc. Take time to get used to the change in altitude in order to avoid mountain sickness.

● Always tell someone when you set off on a climb, what route you plan to take, and when you expect to return so that the rescue services can be promptly alerted if you fail to return.

● If you feel tired, do not carry on. Turn roud and go back to base, or rest a night in the nearest refuge. It is when climbers are tired that mistakes are made, and their resistance to harsh weather conditions low. One of the Britons who died on the Mont Blanc massif last month simply collapsed out of exhaustion. He was 40.

Some two-thirds of all accidents occur during the months of July and August, not because conditions are particularly difficult then, but simply because that is when most people come to climb. During those months, there will be up to 2,000 climbers a day on the French side of the Mont Bland range, which measures roughly seven miles by two and a half miles.

About half the climbers are French, with Spanish, Germans, and British making up most of the remainder. Women account for about one in every six climbers, but are no more accident-phone than men.

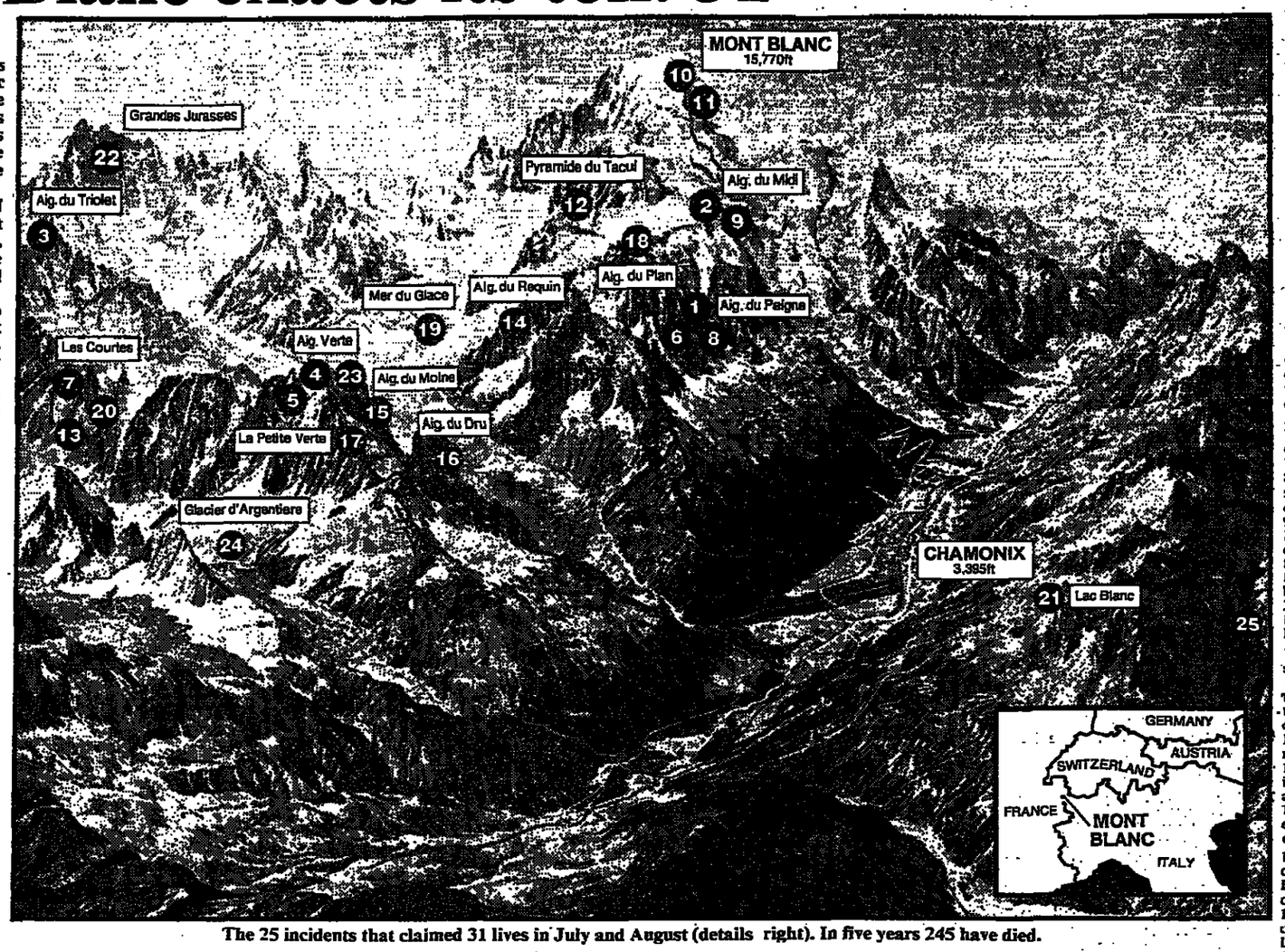
The vast majority of rescue operations are now carried out by helicopter, which means, if conditions are good, that the injured person can be brought to hospital within less than an hour of the first alarm being given.

If the weather is bad, however, or if the alarm is given at night, the rescue teams have to go out on foot, and the rescue operation can then sometimes take as long as two or three days.

The total cost of a relatively simple rescue operation on Mont Blanc, involving, say, a broken leg, is about 700, most of that is borne by the French Government, however, the rescued person being required to pay only the cost of the 200 franc (£17) insurance for each member of the rescue team (usually four), and for any loss of material.

As a member of the National Gendarmerie, Capitaine Host, a graduate of the elite St Cyr army officers training school, is paid according to his rank and qualifications – 10,000 francs a month or slightly less than £10,000 a year.

Although he gets his housing free, he gets no other special perks or bonuses.



The 25 incidents that claimed 31 lives in July and August (details right). In five years 245 have died.

A list of the 31 people, including four Britons, who died in the Mont Blanc Massif during July and August this year. The numbers in front of each entry correspond to the points indicated on the map showing where they died.

1. July 2. English soldier lost hold on rock face and fell 1,000ft on the Aiguille du Peigne: no ropes.
2. July 3. French guide killed on the Aiguille du Midi by a fall of rock.
3. July 8. French guide, two Americans and two Austrians killed on the Aiguille du Triolet by a sudden fall of ice from a serac.
4. July 9. Two Spaniards killed on the Aiguille Verte after missing a footing and falling 2,300ft.
5. July 12. Two Frenchmen killed at the same place for exactly the same reason (see 4).
6. July 13. A Briton, aged 25, climbing with a friend, did not notice that he had come to the end of his rope and fell 2,300ft off the Aiguille du Peigne.
7. July 17. A Frenchman struck dead by lightning at Les Courtes. Violent storms had been forecast.
8. July 18. American hit by a falling stone and fell 1,000ft off the Aiguille de Peigne.
9. July 19. British member of the RAF, aged 21, slipped while climbing the Aiguille du Midi, and fell 600ft roped to friend who also fell, but was unhurt. (Climbers have been known to fall more than 2,000ft and escape unscathed).
10. July 25. Frenchman slipped on Mont Blanc and fell into a crevasse.
11. JULY 26. German same place, same reason. (See 10).
12. AUGUST 3. Frenchman fell on the Pyramide du Tacul after failing to notice that he had come to the end of his rope.
13. AUGUST 4. Pole hit by fall of rocks at Les Courtes.
14. AUGUST 6. Frenchman caught in storms on the Aiguille du Requin, and died from cold.
15. AUGUST 6. Briton, aged 40, caught in storms and died from exhaustion
16. AUGUST 6. Two Spaniards caught in storms on the Aiguille du Dru. Found 12 days later frozen to death.
17. AUGUST 8. French girl slipped on snow, and fell into a crevasse on La Petite Verte.
18. AUGUST 9. Frenchman slipped on ice and fell into a crevasse
19. AUGUST 10. Frenchman slipped into a crevasse on the Mer du Glace. No ropes or crampoons.
20. AUGUST 12. Two Spaniards caught in an avalanche on Les Courtes.
21. AUGUST 17. Italian fell off a wall of rock on the Grandes Jurasses, after the rope, which was permanently fixed to the rock-face, broke.
22. AUGUST 21. Frenchman, aged 58, had a heart attack
23. AUGUST 23. Frenchman slipped on ice and fell
24. AUGUST 23. Japanese girl, fell into a crevasse
25. AUGUST 29. A Swiss man, aged 42, died from exhaustion in good weather after a three-day walk alone on the Col de la Terrate.

Alliance push for outright control

Continued from page 1

Both men denied the report in *The Times* yesterday that they differed over the role of the Queen.

The main Assembly debate on the theme "Preparing for Government" showed delegates impatient for closer cooperation among the two parties. They endorsed the proposal to open by next January a joint election campaign office for both parties.

Mr Des Wilson, who will be party president next year, argued that talk of how to use the balance of power was academic and would mean nothing to the ordinary voter.

Mr Vic Bingham, a member of the national executive, said the Alliance must be determined to win the next election. "Let us have no more talk about bridgeheads, about breakthroughs, about balances," he said. "What we want is bleeding success."

Dr Owen was said by friends to have been nervous of his reception by the Liberals among whom he has his critics. He need not have worried, he was given a standing ovation for a speech in which he showed himself sensitive to questions on which Liberals are anxious, such as unemployment and inner city deprivation, but spoke his mind on matters where some of them doubt him.

He told delegates that deep-seated unease about the weakness of Labour's defence policy had done much to help the Conservatives win in 1983. He reminded them that the Soviets had their own space weapons programme, so the United States was bound to pursue its own research. At the same time he insisted that President Reagan should not cross the threshold of deploying such weapons.

But the loudest applause came for Dr Owen's attack on the Prime Minister for describing critics of the Government's employment record last week as "moaning minnies". He himself was one of the four million moaning minnies, he said. If Mrs Thatcher thought they would stop reminding her of her record, she had another think coming.

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Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne opens Munford and White's new factory at Hither Green, Clevedon, Avon 2.30; and later opens the Central Delivery Suite at Southmead Hospital, Westbury on Trym, 4.15.

The Duke of Gloucester lunches with the Governor, Sir Tom Risk, at The Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh, 12.40; after which he visits Abbeymount Techbase, 2.45 and Canongate Venture, 3.40; later he presents the Carneigie Awards for Enterpretation at the Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh, 5.30.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, attends Interplas '85 at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, 10.45; and later visits the Milk Marketing Board's Dairy Show at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, 4.25.

New exhibitions

Work by Gilbert Holiday; Guernsey Museum and Art Gallery, Candie Gardens, St Peter Port; Mon to Sun 10.30 to 4.30 (ends Oct 13).

Paintings by Jim Andrew; the Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd St, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 11 to 4 (ends Oct 11).

Exhibitions in progress

Piers and powerhouses and other recent paintings by Edna Lamb; Saddleworth Museum Art Gallery, High St, Upperhill, Greater Manchester; Mon to Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 29).

Scottish Interior Textiles: Sculpture and painting by Jim King; The Netherbow Arts Centre, 45 High St, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 4 (and before theatre performances) (ends Sept 28).

Tribute to Wilkie: the bicentenary of Sir David Wilkie; National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Oct 3).

Welsh industry in art: Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum, Bute St, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends Sept 30).

Lamplighter and story-teller: John Francis Campbell of Islay; National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 27).

Down to Earth (the story of soil); Derby Museums and Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby; Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Oct 26).

Open Amateur exhibition, Halesworth Gallery, Steeple End, Suffolk; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 3 to 6 (ends Sept 22).

Pilgrims by Marketa Lustacova: Photographs of the life and customs of country people in Poland taken from 1967-1974; Towneley Hall Art Gallery, Burnley; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5 (ends Sept 29).

Flower drawings from the Broughton Collection; Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington St, Cambridge; Tues to Sat 12 to 5, Sun 2.15 to 5 (ends Sept 29).

A French painter in exile – Henri-Pierre Danloux; Portrait Gallery, Queen St, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5; Sun 2 to 5, (ends Sept 22).

Joseph Farquharson of Finzean; Aberdeen Art Gallery; Schoolhill, Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5, closed Sat (ends Sept 28).

Almost Summer; and Monochrome Hippodrome; work by Paul Dillon; Canadian Holography Now; the Arts Centre, Vane Terrace, Darlington; Mon to Sat 10 to 8 (ends Oct 5).

A Painterly Approach; work by Allan Bruce with pottery by Peter Moss; Grape Lane Gallery, 17 Grape Lane; Low Petergate, York; Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Sept 28th).

Music

A taste of Italy – works by Monteverdi and Cavalli by the Cantata Choir; Canterbury Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; Petersfield Festival Hall, 7.30.

Works by Mozart, Bartok and Elgar with Katia and Marielle Labesque (pianos) and Silvio and Jean-Pierre Drouet (percussion)and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra; Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30.

Lecture:

The Smugglers of Christchurch, by Geoffrey Morley; The Regent Centre, High St, Christchurch, Dorset, 7.30.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be lifted today at approximately 1130am and then again at 7.15pm, 8.05pm and 11pm.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.94
Austria Sch	28.20	26.80
Belgium Fr	81.30	77.50
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Finland Mkk	8.50	8.10
France Fr	12.20	11.65
Germany DM	4.00	3.82
Greece Dr	188.00	178.00
Hong Kong $	10.85	10.25
Ireland Pt	1.287	1.227
Italy Lire	2880.00	2650.00
Japan Yen	338.00	322.00
Netherlands Gld	4.50	4.29
Norway Kr	11.71	11.16
Portugal Esc	236.00	225.00
South Africa Rd	3.45	3.05
Spain Pta	234.75	222.75
Sweden Kr	11.83	11.28
Switzerland Fr	3.30	3.14
USA $	1.395	1.335
Yugoslavia Dnr	430.00	390.00

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Retail Price Index: 378.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 1.9 at 1000.8.

New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Infante's Inferno, by G. Cabrera Infante, translated by Suzanne Jill Levine (Faber, £4.95)
Kruger's Alp, by Christopher Hope (Abacus, £2.95)
Short of Glory, by Alan Judd (Coronet, £2.50)
The Volunteers, by Raymond Williams (Hogarth, £3.95)

NON-FICTION

Beyond the Dragon's Mouth, by Shiva Naipaul (Abacus, £3.95)
Hummingbirds and Hyenas, by Edward Pearce (Faber, £4.95)
John Locke, by Maurice Cranston (Oxford, £5.95).
Labour in Power 1945-1951, by Kenneth O. Morgan (Oxford, £6.95)
The Diary of Thomas Turner 1754-1765, edited by David Vaisey (Oxford, £4.95)
T. S. Eliot, by Peter Ackroyd (Abacus, £3.95)

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Roads

The Midlands: M5: Northbound carriageway closed between junction 4 (Bromsgrove and Junction 5 (Droitwich); contraflow on southbound carriageway; no access northbound at junction 5. M5: Contraflow to the W of Birmingham between junction 2 (Dudley) and juction 3 (Halesowen); no access S of junction 2. A5: Roadworks W of Gailey, at Stretton, Staffs; temporary lights in use and delays expected.

Wales and West: A40: Temporary traffic lights between Sennybridge and Llandovery, Powys, at Halfway. M4: Contraflow between junctions 22 and 23, Chepstow to Magor, Gwent; only one lane available for eastbound traffic. A38: Lane closures on the westbound carriageway at Marsh Mills roundabout, Plymouth, Devon (9am to 4pm Mon-Thurs only).

The North: M6: Lanes closed on both carriageways between junctions 32 (M55) and 33 (A6 Lancaster S); access to Forton services maintained; care required. M62: Contraflow between junctions 24 and 25 Huddersfield; delays westbound. A580: East Lancashire Rd, Greater Manchester; construction work between A 572 junction at Lane Head and the A574 junction; delays.

Scotland: M8: Only one lane open on Glasgow bound carriageway at junction 26 (Hillington interchange), Strathclyde. City of Aberdeen: A92: Various lane closures in King Street at West North St (A946) due to junction improvement work; A84: Roadworks S of Strathclyde, at two locations; single line traffic.

Information supplied by the AA

Photography award

Applications are invited for a commission to photograph the lead mining areas of North Yorkshire. The commission is worth £1,500 and will cover the period from March to October, 1986. A selection of the resulting work will be exhibited at Impressions Gallery of Photography, York, in December, 1986.

Applications should include a current CV; an outline of proposed work/expenditure; a portfolio of not more than 15 prints; return postage for the portfolio; and should be sent to The Director, Hard Rock Mining, Impressions Gallery of Photography, 17 Colliergate, York YO1 2BN, not later than November 25, 1985.

Anniversaries

George Cadbury, Quaker, social reformer, and chocolate manufacturer was born in Birmingham, 1839.

Deaths: Meyer Amschel Rothschild, founder of the banking house, Frankfurt am Main, 1812; **James Garfield**, 20th president of the USA, 1881 (shot July 1881), died, Elberon, New Jersey, 1881; **Thomas Barnardo**, social reformer, Surbiton, Surrey, 1905; **Sir David Low**, cartoonist, London, 1963.

The papers

The Daily Express, commenting on Russia's explusion of six more Britons, says: "To most people the whole thing will seem a petty exercise. But there is one disturbing aspect. When the Government sent 107 Soviet citizens packing 14 years ago, the Russians responded by dismissing only a handful of Britons. Two years ago they behaved in a similar fashion when the French expelled 47 of their people." It adds: "This time they have reacted savagely. Why? Because Oleg Gordievsky, the double agent under our control, is so important that the KGB seeks revenge? Because Mr Gorbachev is more ruthless than his predecessors?"

The Daily Star, commenting on the Liberal Assembly in Dundee, says that all the signs that Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen are "slowly assembling a package that could appeal to many disillusioned voters" both Labour and Tory. It adds: "Before the Alliance can claim to be a viable alternative government it must come up with some positive policies on the big issues like jobs, and education, health and defence. So far all the talk is of consent and wishy washy compromise. No one seemingly realizing that the man who walks in the middle of the road stands the best chance of being knocked down. The paper says: "Less flowery retoric and more practical proposals must be the order of the day if the Alliance's march on Downing Street is to continue."

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

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● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Weather forecast

A trough of low pressure over N England will move S during the day to reach S districts.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Bright or sunny intervals, scattered showers later; wind SW light; max temp 21C (70F).

E central N, NE England, W Midlands: Rain in places becoming brighter and drier; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 18C (64F).

SW England, S Wales: Rather cloudy, rain of drizzle in places, hill and coast fog patches; wind S light; max temp 19C (66F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District: Occasional rain of drizzle, hill and coast fog patches, becoming brighter and drier; max temp 17C (63F).

Isle of Man, SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind W moderate; max temp 14C (54F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Sunny periods, mainly dry; wind SW or W moderate; max temp 15C (59F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Sunny intervals; showers in the N dying out; overnight fog patches in the S; near normal temperatures but rather cold in the N.

SEA PASSAGES: Strait of Dover, North Sea: Wind SW veering W moderate occasionally fresh; fair; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea slight. **English Channel (E):** Wind S veering SW light or moderate; fair; visibility moderate in fog patches; sea smooth. **St George's Channel:** Wind S veering W light or moderate occasional rain; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea slight. **Irish Sea:** Wind SW veering W moderate, occasionally fresh; occasional rain; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea slight.

Sun rises: 6.42 am Sun sets: 7.06 pm
Moon rises: 1.05 am Moon sets: 9.06 pm
First quarter: September 21.

Lighting-up time

London 7.36 pm to 6.13 am
Bristol 7.46 pm to 6.23 am
Edinburgh 7.50 pm to 6.24 am
Manchester 7.45 pm to 6.21 am
Penzance 7.57 pm to 6.35 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	16	61	Guernsey	s	19	66
Birmingham	c	19	66	Inverness	s	14	57
Blackpool	f	18	64	Jersey	s	20	68
Bristol	c	18	64	London	c	20	68
Cardiff	c	17	63	Manchester	f	20	68
Edinburgh	r	10	50	Newcastle	r	13	55
Glasgow	r	11	52	Roseldaway	r	14	57

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 75 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.4. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,019.5 millibars, falling.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Glasgow Airport, 1.25in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 9.4hr.

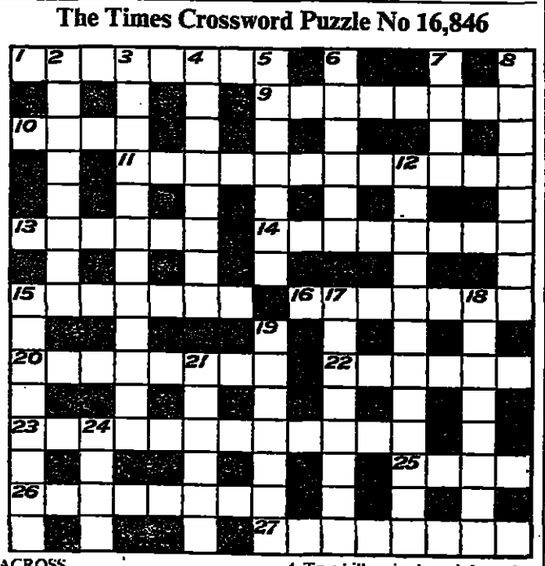
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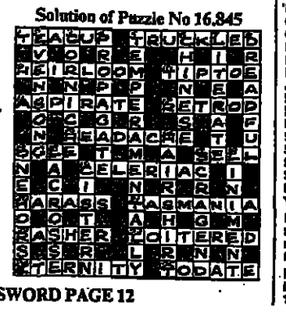
ACROSS

1 Hemp? (3,5).
9 Frenchman first in giving a party for old defector (8).
10 We shall find water supply here (4).
11 Father died after taking meal outside a missile base (9-3).
12 Bones found in street near to decomposition (6).
13 In Eastern Church angel sadly fallen from grace (8).
15 Sweet nothings? (7).
16 In the House a fellow is still a learner (7).
20 Animals spotted by Riffs, for example – a strange variety (8).
22 Commend what the devout man does, say (6).
23 Nuclear installations multiplying like rabbits? (4,8).
25 Musical hot air (4).
26 Six-footer in love with American? No, he admired Penelope (8).
27 Puts others in the shade (and in addition takes race at Sandown) (8).

DOWN

2 Surgeon works to rule at first (8).
3 With feminine hindsight, strong supporter of disarmament talks? (6,2,4).
4 True bill on junior minister (8).
5 Foot of legendary bird in the Orient (7).
6 Stir up in an audible sense (6).
7 Gay party in the cantonment (4).
8 Fear created by many ancient legends? (4,4).
12 Daily's joint responsibility for ward (12).
15 Meeting to overhaul military tower (3,2,3).
17 Flat roof perhaps for such a summit conference? (3-5).
18 Plunge into void – seen as a disaster! (8).
19 Is it like the Cambridge school to utter slander? (7).
21 Litter in opening of faulty shaft (6).
24 It paves the way for new test (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,845

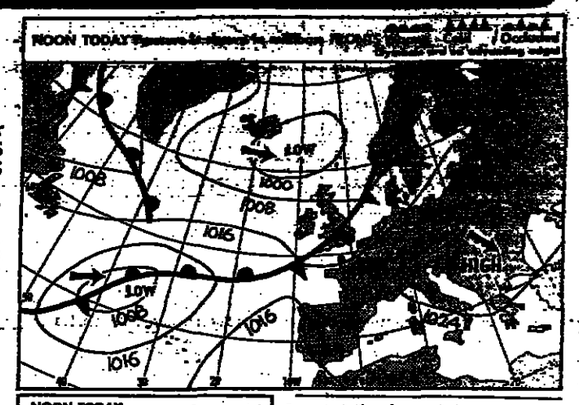


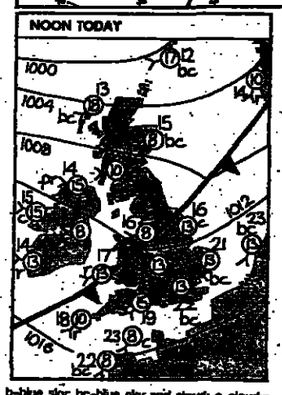
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Tide times

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.35	7.1	5.45	7.1
Aberdeen	4.50	4.5	5.26	3.9
Avonmouth	11.06	13.0	11.24	12.7
Belfast	2.37	3.7	3.01	3.4
Cardiff	10.51	12.0	11.09	11.8
Devonport	9.43	5.4	10.01	5.3
Dover	2.31	6.6	2.54	6.6
Falmouth	9.13	5.2	9.31	5.1
Glasgow	4.34	4.3	5.02	4.3
Harwich	3.30	4.0	3.44	4.1
Holyhead	1.43	5.8	2.09	5.5
Hull	9.54	7.7	10.25	7.7
Ilfracombe	9.47	9.0	10.07	8.9
Leith	6.20	5.7	6.53	5.3
Liverpool	2.44	9.6	3.08	9.2
Lowestoft	1.12	2.3	1.19	2.7
Margate	3.44	4.6	3.46	4.8
Milford Haven	10.01	6.9	10.22	6.8
Newquay	8.54	6.9	9.15	6.8
Oban	9.22	3.8	9.36	3.8
Penzance	8.49	5.5	9.08	5.4
Portland	10.53	2.7	11.15	2.1
Portsmouth	3.06	4.8	3.34	4.8
Shoreham	2.48	6.3	3.11	6.3
Southampton	2.19	4.5	2.45	4.6
Swansea	10.03	9.4	10.25	9.2
Tees	7.21	5.5	7.49	5.1
Weston-on-Naze	3.23	4.2	3.33	4.3

Tidal measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	1.7	–	20	68	Dull
Bridlington	0.1	.02	20	68	Rain am
Cromer	4.5	–	22	72	Cloudy
Lowestoft	0.5	–	19	66	Cloudy
Clacton	5.2	–	19	66	Sunny pm
Margate					
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	1.3	–	19	66	Bright pm
Hastings	–	–	–	–	–
Eastbourne	–	–	18	64	Dull
Brighton	–	–	16	61	Fog am
Worthing	–	–	17	63	Cloudy
Littlehampton	–	–	18	64	Cloudy
Bognor R	–	–	17	63	Dull
Southsea	0.2	–	18	64	Cloudy
Sandown	–	–	–	–	–
Shanklin	0.3	–	17	63	Cloudy
Bournemth	–	–	17	63	Cloudy
Poole	0.3	–	19	66	Cloudy
Swanage	–	–	17	63	Cloudy
Weymouth	0.5	–	18	64	Cloudy
Exmouth	–	–	17	63	Dull
Teignmouth	1.2	–	18	64	Cloudy
Torquay	0.4	–	18	64	Cloudy
Falmouth		.01	16	61	Drizzle
Penzance	–	.03	16	61	Drizzle
Jersey	9.4	–	24	75	Sunny
Guernsey	8.2	–	22	72	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	0.1	.02	16	61	Fog
Newquay	0.9	.02	18	64	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	–	.01	19	66	Dull
Torley	–	.05	17	63	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	–				
Southport	–				
Morecambe	–	.10	17	63	Rain pm
Douglas	0.2	.24	14	57	Rain pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cen)	1.4	–	21	70	Cloudy
B'ham (Airp)	0.7	–	19	66	Cloudy
Bristol (Cen)	0.7	–	19	66	Cloudy
Cardiff (Cen)	0.1	.02	19	64	Cloudy
Anglesey	0.1	.11	17	63	Rain
B'pool (Airp)	1.3	.13	19	66	Rain pm
Manchester	3.0	.02	21	70	Bright
Nottingham	1.0	–	21	70	Cloudy
N'cstl-n-Tyne	1.1	.10	17	63	Rain
Carlisle	0.2	.57	16	61	Rain
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	0.8	.71	13	55	Rain
Prestwick	0.8	.39	16	61	Rain
Glasgow	0.4	1.25	11	52	Rain
Tiree	1.2	.02	13	55	Rain pm
Stornoway	2.7	.05	14	57	Showers
Lerwick	5.5	.02	11	52	Showers pm
Wick	7.2	–	14	57	Sunny
Kinloss	4.8	–	18	61	Bright
Aberdeen	0.5	–	11	52	Cloudy
St. Andrews	–	–	–	–	–
Edinburgh	0.4	.29	11	52	Rain
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast		0.2	.34	17	63 Rain

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloudy; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	28	79	Cologne	s	22	72
Alcudia	s	30	86	Copenhagen	f	15	59
Alexandria	f	28	82	Corfu	s	29	84
Algiers	c	23	73	Dublin	c	17	63
Amsterdam	c	17	63	Dubrovnik	s	27	81
Athens	s	33	91	Faro	c	26	77
Bahrain	s	34	93	Florence	s	30	86
Barbados	f	30	86	Frankfurt	s	22	72
Barcelona	s	28	79	Funchal	f	25	77
Beirut	s	27	81	Geneva	s	22	72
Belgrade	s	25	77	Gibraltar	f	25	77
Berlin	f	18	64	Helsinki	f	13	55
Bermuda	f	27	81	Hong Kong	r	27	81
Biarritz	s	30	86	Innsbruck	s	23	73
Boulogne	c	18	64	Istanbul	s	23	73
Bordeaux	s	22	72	Jeddah	s	35	95
Bristela	c	19	66	Jo'burg	f	17	63
Budapest	s	23	73	Karachi	s	36	97
Buen Aires	f	16	61	Las Palmas	s	28	82
Cairo	s	34	93	Lisbon	s	28	82
Cape Tn	f	19	66	Locarno	s	22	72
Chiance	f	25	77	L Angeles	s	20	68
Chicago	s	23	73	Luxembg	f	20	68
Ch'church				Madrid	s	25	77
Majorca	s	28	82	Rome	s	29	84
Malaga	s	26	79	Salzburg	s	24	75
Malta	f	28	79	Sao Paulo	s	24	75
Melbourne	f	11	52	S Francisco	f	18	64
Mexico C				Santiago	f	14	57
Miami	f	29	84	Seoul	c	21	70
Milan	s	25	77	Singapore	f	31	88
Montreal	s	22	72	Stockholm	f	14	57
Moscow	r	11	52	Strasbourg	s	24	75
Munich	s	22	72	Sydney	c	19	66
Nairobi	f	25	77	Tangier	s	28	82
Naples	s	31	88	Tel Aviv	f	28	82
New Delhi	f	28	84	Tenerife	s	28	82
New York	f	22	72	Tokyo	c	22	72
Nice	s	23	77	Toronto	c	22	72
Oslo	s	15	59	Tunis	f	25	77
Paris	f	22	72	Valencia	f	25	77
Peking	s	28	82	Vancouver	f	24	75
Perth	s	21	70	Venice	s	24	75
Prague	f	19	66	Vienna	c	21	70
Reykjavik	r	5	41	Warsaw	f	19	66
Rhodes	s	27	81	Washington	s	25	77
Riyadh	s	37	99	Wellington	s	15	59
Rio de Jan	c	23	73	Zurich	s	22	72

† denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

September 19, 1985

John Garnett asks managers to look for idealism among applicants when they recruit for industry and commerce



Archbishop Temple, in preaching to one of the great missions in Oxford between the wars, said the wickedest thing anybody could do was to fail to use his or her gifts for the common good. In young men and women in those days, as today, idealism had an immense part to play in their motivation. Of course, everyone wants a decent salary but when young people are thinking about their life's work many wish to use their gifts to do good.

The great sense of service that runs through the services, the Civil Service and the social services is not always apparent to people thinking of industry and commerce as a career.

When I joined ICI after the war, the only book I could discover about that good and great company was one called *Death Pays a Dividend*, published by Gollancz. Many years later, when trying to recruit a most gifted individual from the university, that person said: "I am not too worried about earning a living (he is now enormously wealthy) but I am concerned about doing something which has some social good in it, and therefore I will never come into industry."

I believe recruiters do not stress the idealistic aspect of industry and commerce enough. I have two daughters who have given much of their lives to the social services. One is a Conservative MP and she believes the Conservative approach is the most effective way of giving compassion to the maximum number of people. The other is a socialist and believes that that is the most effective way.

There are, of course, arguments on both sides but I suspect the most important of all is reflected in my eldest son who is running a business in the Midlands giving employment and creating the resources and the tax which, in fact, pay for the compassion.

Today the limitation to compassion is the ability to provide the wherewithal to be compassionate. That all depends on industry and commerce being able to create that wealth or worth. In industry and commerce we create the goods and services; we are the great providers of jobs, of the self-respect that people get from a job, of their pay and of the friendships that are a vital part of a worthwhile life.

We also create the incomes which set people free. We create the return on savings and the capital to reinvest in the future. We create the exports which pay for the many necessities from overseas.

Lastly, we create the tax through pay-as-you-earn and paid direct which finances the teachers, the schools and the hospitals.

This message of the idealistic challenge has in the past 20 years been carried into schools by The Industrial Society through its Challenge of Industry conferences. Many in industry and commerce today report that these conferences were the first time that they received some vision of the good that could be done.

In the past seven years this work has been carried into universities through the organizaton of Student Industrial Societies. These societies are among the fastest-growing student bodies in Britain and are established in all but three universities.

When I was at university we joined worthy bodies concerned with how to distribute the wealth and give compassion. We never dreamt of joining a society, nor was there one available, concerned with the idealism of creation.

The most important people I have ever recruited have been those to whom I have described the challenge that industry presents. The present chairman of Remploy, Trevor Owen, is perhaps one of the most gifted non-chemists recruited into ICI since the war.

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One of the greatest recruiters in ICI was quite thrown by a gifted young graduate who, having had the virtues of the company extolled to him, turned to the recruiter and said: "But, Mr Gilbertson, would you explain to me the nature of the challenge that you have to offer?"

On the face of it this was an appalling remark by some one applying for a job. When you think of it, it is of course the only question that matters.

The coming of Industry Year in 1986 gives those of us who recruit and all others in industry and commerce the opportunity to remind people of its vital role and social worth. The need to do this was highlighted at two schools in the Thames Valley last summer – one a State school and one an independent school.

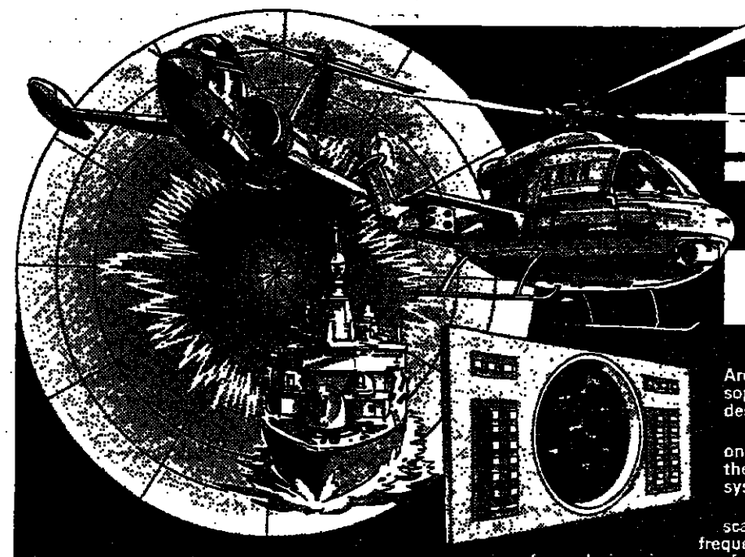
In the independent school 127 sixth-formers attended the compulsory talk about industry and commerce. At the beginning of the talk only 17 were proposing to come into industry and commerce and 110 were going elsewhere.

In the great State school nearby, in the middle of Silicon Valley, it was reported that not a single young person hoped to come into industry and commerce.

These two experiences are unusually extreme but Industry Year gives a great opportunity to get people to understand the truth of the idealistic purpose that can be found in leading and involving people who work in offices and factories. It is indeed one of those great activities to which the far-seeing and inspiring William Temple referred.

John Garnett is director of The Industrial Society.

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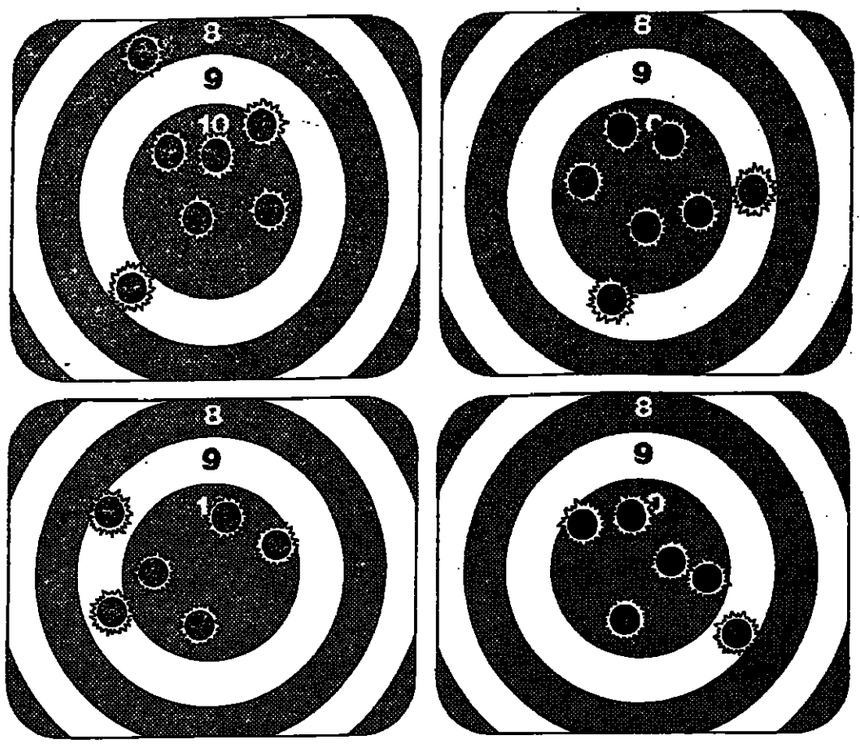
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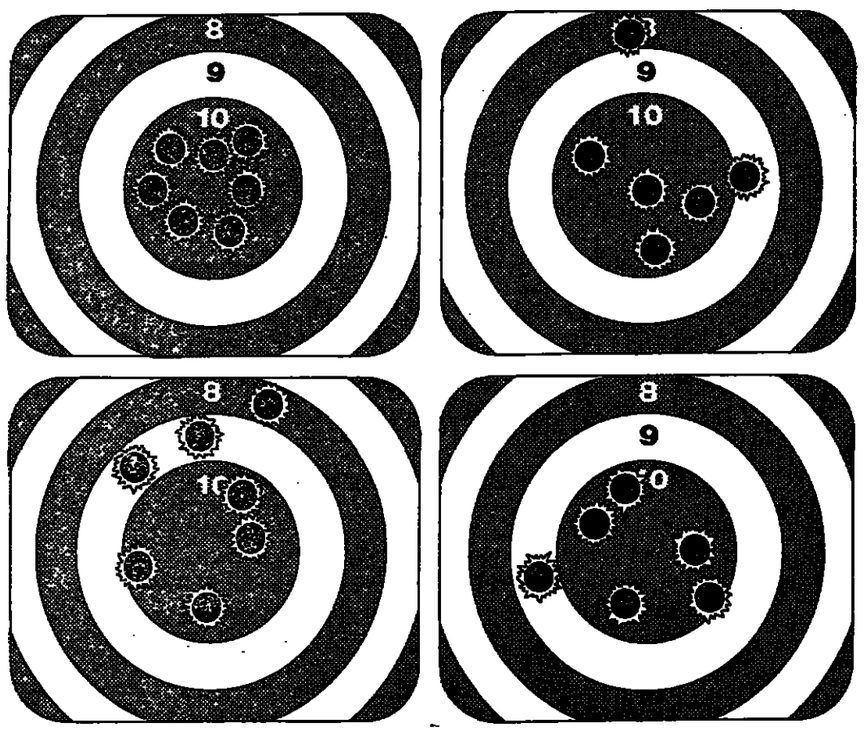
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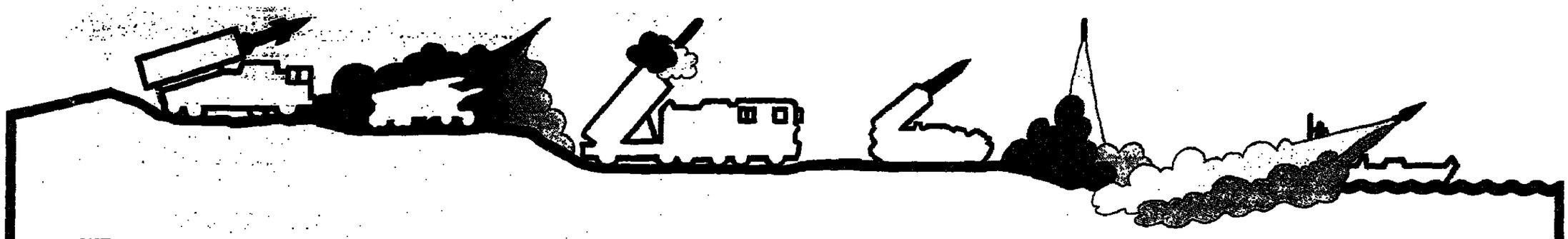
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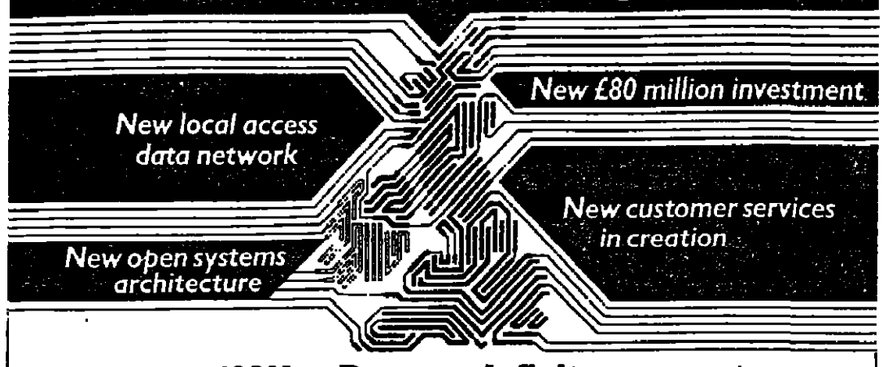
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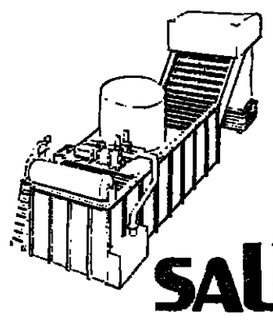
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Jobs without an age barrier

Sally Watts on the opportunities open to older people with special skills

Encouraging possiblities can brighten the job search of the older man or woman – whether retired, pre-retired or redundant – who has useful skills and is adaptable. One of these is contract work. People who do this are generally welcomed by employers, both for their expertise and lack of involvement in office politics.

When possible, it may be advisable to convince an agency or company that you have relevant knowledge and experience before revealing that you are unemployed or have passed that fateful 50th, or even 45th, birthday, as employers sometimes play down the fact that they use people in these categories.

Elgood and Dye, a Bristol management consultancy, and high technology company, takes a refreshingly different view.

"Age is of very little significance to us – what counts is the quality of work," says a director, Alan Rendell. "We have people from the twenties to the sixties on contract from one day to two years. My senior consultant, a retired chief engineer, is 60 but has a mental age of 30 and is absolutely first class."

Mr Rendell regards unemployed people as "the new independent breed". If jobs elude them they do other things, such as becoming a limited company and contracting themselves out. The company has 300 workers on contract around the country, with projects in Lowestoft, Rochdale and the Rhondda Valley, among other places.

They include designers and tracers, mainly female, non-qualified and professional engineers in most specialities, computer and construction people. At the moment there are openings for production managers.

At Haywards Heath, Sussex, Moody-Tottrup International, which is part of the Reliance Consulting Group, uses engineers with specialized knowledge, says Ian Williams, international marketing director. *These contract workers are often* former employees of major oil companies who have taken early retirement.

To some extent the older searcher is helped by management in the same age bracket. Mr Rendell, for instance, is in his fifties. Frank McGill spent more than 30 years in international banking but now helps other displaced bank staff as consultant in personnel services at the London agency Jonathan Wren.

"I was unemployed for seven months and know how it feels," says Mr McGill of the situation of former bank people who have taken voluntary severance. He developed an outplacement service which started at the end of last year and is funded by banks, to provide counselling and help in finding jobs.

Most of these are full-time usually in one of the big four or in new banking opportunities. For those past 60 there is also help in finding advisory roles.

Success After Sixty finds low-key full-time and part-time jobs for people from 50 to the early seventies, including ex-barristers, qualified engineers, mechanics, a prison governor and office staff who have retired or been replaced by computer. A former tea planter is on the books.

Among recent placements, a teacher who retired at 54 became a university hostel receptionist, an unqualified accountant of 60 has been placed as an assistant bursar while reading for a degree, an ex-sales manager is doorman at 71 to a couture house, and two men, recently retired from shipping and book-keeping respectively, are carrying out a survey.

● **Elgood and Dye Ltd 3-8 Redcliffe Parade West, Bristol, Avon BS1 6SP (0272 293051); Moody-Tottrup, Cuckfield House, High Street, Haywards Heath, Sussex (0444 458111); Jonathan Wren and Co Ltd, 170 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4LX (01-623 1266); Success After Sixty, 40 Old Bond Street, London W1X 3AF (01-629 0672), and 3 George Street, Croydon CR0 1LB (01-680 0858).**

The recruitment boom continues

MARKETPLACE

Recruitment has increased steadily since the recessionary trough in the spring of 1981. In the three months ending in August the seasonally adjusted number of vacancies flowing into job centres was 222,000 a month – the highest number since December 1979 and more than 8 per cent up on the corresponding period last year. It shows a 60 per cent increase on the 139,000 vacancies a month of April and May 1981.

The Department of Employment claims that around a third of all vacancies are notified to job centres. That being so, recruiters are currently seeking people at the rate of eight million a year.

However, there are good reasons to suspect that only a quarter of all vacancies are now going into job centres, as in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In that case, recruitment is running at more than 10.5 million vacancies a year.

The continuing increase in vacancies is also reflected in the recruitment advertising in the national Press. A sample of 12 national newspapers, together with *The London Standard*, collectively carried 7.5 per cent more job advertising in August than at the corresponding time last year.

However, for 12 months the boom has been much more marked in management, professional and technical occupations. Thus, in August the "quality" newspapers showed gains of more than 10 per cent. *The Times* gained an extraordinary 84 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

The Standard was up 4 per cent but the five "popular" newspapers' figures fell 5 per cent.

The higher rate of growth at the upper end of the market is also reflected in the number of vacancies being advertised in the Manpower Service Commission's weekly newspaper *Executive Post*. In August it carried 2,280 vacancies, almost 15 per cent up on last year's figure.

The recruitment advertising pages of national newspapers and professional and technical journals are the primary jobs marketplace for higher-level occupations. Although the latter have increased their market share during the last two decades, the quality newspapers are the most widely used source of jobs information.

This year the seven qualities have carried an average of 3,000 columns of job advertising every month, and even in the holiday month of August they carried more than 2,000 columns.

The relative importance of even quality newspapers as a jobs marketplace has changed remarkably in the past decade, and especially since the end of the recession. Ten years ago the *Daily Telegraph* carried more than half the recruitment advertising, followed by *The Sunday Times* with more than a fifth. None of the other five carried even 10 per cent.

Since then the share held by the *Daily Telegraph* has halved while that of the *Financial Times* has doubled, that of *The Times* has trebled and that of *The Guardian* has quadrupled.

Graduates from universities and polytechnics this summer have been in high demand and many employers have had difficulty in filling vacancies with people of the desired disciplines and calibre.

Recently released data on last year's graduates shows that the number of male graduates finding employment was up by 4 per cent of 1983 and the number of female graduates entering work was up by 5 per cent. The numbers entering industry was up 13 per cent.

The continuing buoyancy of the recruitment market since the upturn four and a half years ago has broken the previously regular and predictable cyclic pattern. Now, even the short term future is uncertain.

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